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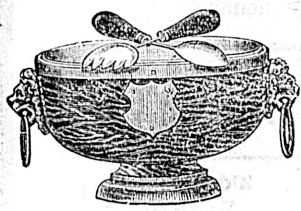
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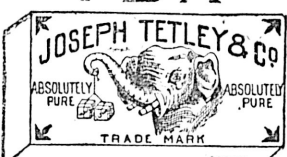
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Department Was Powerless and Flames Left to Complete Their Work.

Loss Will Exceed One Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand.

Berlin, Ont., Feb. 16.—One of the most disastrous conflagrations in Berlin's history occurred this evening, when a large four-story building of the Berlin Felt Boot Company, the largest of the kind in the Dominion, was burned to the ground. The fire was discovered in the spinning and carding room on the first floor about 6:45 and no time was lost in getting the fire brigade out, but owing to the severity of the weather and low pressure and a strong wind, very little could be done to save the structure. The fire raged for over two hours and a half and is still burning.

The Waterloo fire brigade arrived about 8 o'clock to render assistance. Pieces of the burning embers were carried for a mile. The fire was quite visible at the distance of six miles north. The origin of the fire is not yet known. The loss is estimated by George Rumpel, one of the proprietors, at \$175,000; insurance between \$10,000 and \$20,000. The industry employed about 200 hands and was established thirty years ago, and was known from Victoria to Halifax.

To Checkmate England

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—Lieut. General Ivanoff, governor-general and commander of the troops in Turkestan, has gone to Tashkent with General Sakharoff, chief of the staff of the military district. It is said in high military circles that General Ivanoff has been instructed to prepare for the contingency of military action in the direction of India in the event of Great Britain adopting an attitude openly hostile to Russia or attempting to prejudice Russian interests in Persia or Tibet.

THE IRREPRESSIBLE IRISH MEMBERS

William Redmond Resents Statement as to New York Corruption.

London, Feb. 16.—Wm. Redmond caused a scene in the House of Commons today during the discussion of the subject of Chinese labor in the Transvaal. H. J. C. Gasts (Conservative), made a reference to the effect that Irish labor was responsible for corruption in New York, whereupon Mr. Redmond exclaimed, excitedly, "You have no right to insult America; I will not allow it." The Speaker called Mr. Redmond to order, but Mr. Redmond continued, repeating his exclamation, and added: "In America, at least, they don't appoint a Chancellor of the exchequer who is unfit for his post."

The Speaker again intervened, and Mr. Redmond finally subsided with the remark: "America seems to get on all right."

Unknown Dangers.

Paris, Feb. 16.—It is reported here that the loss of the Russian torpedo gunboat Yenisei will entail serious consequences. The captain of the vessel had placed torpedoes at various different places, and the maps and plans indicating these spots went down with the ship. It is believed that the general staff possesses duplicates of these reports, but there is a probability that those which were lost contained certain corrections and modifications which the others do not.

VALENTINE CAUSES DEATH

Quarrel Over Mine Leads to Fatal Shooting in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Feb. 16.—As a result of a quarrel which started over a Valentine, John Carley, aged 20, is dead from a bullet wound, and Miss Howard, his sister, is under arrest charged with the shooting. William Ewing and Maud Goodwin received cuts and bruises, and were locked up as witnesses. The trouble occurred in a boarding house conducted by Mrs. Howard. She asserts that she fired the shot which killed Carley to prevent him from killing Ewing.

A Lurid Report

London, Feb. 17.—In a despatch dated Port Arthur, February 15th, a correspondent of the Times gives a description of seven Russian warships, which he says are lying disabled there. They included the battleships Sevastopol and Petropavlovsk, which have not been named in the previous report of the action. The correspondent says that altogether eleven Russian ships were put out of action at Port Arthur.

Continuing, he declares that the Japanese were driven from the neighborhood of Kinchuan, near New Chwang, after a skirmish in which 150 Japanese were taken prisoners and 70 Russians killed.

In an editorial article the Times remarks that as this correspondent's report is the first of the kind, it is not surprising that the Kinchuan story has not been reported from any other source. It would be well to accept his reports with some reserve.

REIGN OF TERROR FEARED

Civil Authorities at New Chwang Unable to Prevent Atrocities Committed by Police and Troops and Neutral Powers Will be Invoked to Interfere.

VLADIVOSTOCK FLEET RETURNS TO PORT

New Chwang, Feb. 17.—Viceroy Alexieff left Port Arthur today, proceeding to Harbin with General Pliginskii, the chief of staff, and the general staff. It is said that the Russian army and navy commands will be reorganized and that General Kerpinsky will command the Yalu division, which is expected to be attacked by the Japanese forces.

Atrocities are daily perpetrated, both by the police and troops, which make it impossible for the civil administrator of New Chwang to control the city. It is feared a reign of terror will be precipitated if the neutral powers remain inactive. A captain of police with ten soldiers, without provocation, destroyed the contents of an hotel owned by a German where three Japanese had registered under the protection of the civil administration. These Japanese were bound, stabbed and robbed of food, money and jewelry. They, with three women, were rescued with difficulty by United States Consul Miller. The civil administrator had assured Mr. Miller all would be protected.

attack may not, after all, be made where it is expected on the Yalu. All the reports tend to confirm the impression that Russia has little or nothing to expect from sea operations.

According to a despatch to the Paris edition of the New York Herald 400 torpedoes, being two-thirds of Russia's entire available supply of these articles, were destroyed on board the Varig at Chemulpo.

The Tokyo correspondent of the Daily Chronicle cables that it is said officially that several thousand Russian troops have reached Antung, and it is rumored that 20,000 Russians have arrived at Jing Yang, on the Tatung, river in Central Korea.

The Chronicle, however, regards this rumor as quite improbable unless the invasion of Korea preceded the outbreak of hostilities.

Paris, Feb. 17.—The Petit Parisien this morning publishes a despatch from Tokyo, dated February 14th, in which the correspondent says that wounded Japanese who have reached here from

this would make a landing difficult. No Japanese have been seen on the Yalu river. The Japanese are landing provisions and munitions of war at Wonsan on the east coast of Korea and north of Seoul. A despatch has been received here from the Russian minister at Peking, Paul Lesar, saying that upon his official inquiry the Chinese government informed him that Wei-Hai-Wei remains leased to Great Britain.

A meeting of the council of the empire was held today. It was attended by the heir presumptive, the Grand Duke Michael, and other Grand Dukes.

Vice Admiral Makaroff, the ice-breaker specialist of the Russian navy and until recently commander-in-chief at Chienstou, has gone to the Far East.

The spirit of patriotism at Moscow has resulted in the rough handling of a number of people, who failed to take off their hats while the crowds were singing the national hymn. It is even reported

Conservatives Are Victorious

St. John City Captured By a Turn Over of Twelve Hundred Votes.

Liberal Majorities Are Whittled Down In Every Constituency.

Yesterday's Bye-Elections Indicate a Turning of the Tide.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 16.—Eight bye-elections, to fill vacancies in the House of Commons were held today, resulting as follows:

East Lambton—Armstrong (Conservative), elected over Jenkins (Liberal), by 550 majority. At the last election in this constituency Oliver Simmons (Conservative), was elected by a majority of 221.

East Bruce—Donnelly (Conservative), elected over Robb (Liberal), by 150 majority. The Conservative majority at the last election was 43.

Hochelaga (Montreal)—Lévesque (Liberal), elected over Barnard (Conservative), by 636. The Liberal majority at the last election was 605.

In St. Jacques, Blanchet (Liberal), elected over Tache (Conservative), by 155 majority. The Liberal majority at the last election was 1,111.

In Montmagny, Lavergne (Liberal), elected over Roussseau (Conservative), by 300 majority. At the last election the Liberal majority was 213.

In St. B. B. Daniels (Conservative), was elected over McKeown (Liberal), by 285 majority. This

Up To France.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—Admiral Wrenzen has been instructed to hold the Russian squadron, consisting of the battleship Orel, the cruisers Aurora and Dmitri Donzoi and a number of torpedo boat destroyers at Jibuti, French Somaliland until further orders.

Paris, Feb. 16.—The stopping of the Russian squadron at Jibuti may lead to international complications, Jibuti being a neutral French port. It is understood France is not likely to ask the squadron to leave.

is Hon. A. G. Blair's constituency. His majority at the last election over Hon. George E. Foster was 997.

In Queen's, P. E. L. Hazzard (Liberal), is elected over McLean (Conservative), by about 300 majority. The Liberal majority at the last election was 294.

Delimitation Of Alaska Boundary

Ottawa Official and U. S. Geological Surveyor Appointed to Make Delimitation.

Japanese Consul Nosse Will Consult the Government as to B. C. Act.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The Supreme court today granted the appeal of Sergeant-at-Arms Payson, of Nova Scotia, who was indicted in damages by the court below for ejecting Mrs. Hubert from the Legislative building. A new trial is ordered.

The King's chief astronomer of Canada, and Mr. Titman, chief of the geological survey of the United States, are appointed commissioners to delimit the boundary between Canada and Alaska as laid down by the London tribunal last fall. The commission will meet in Washington next summer to arrange preliminary matters.

The government has instructed Consul Nosse to come to Ottawa to ascertain what reason the Dominion government has to give for its inactivity regarding the anti-Japanese legislation of British Columbia. Mr. Nosse will interview Premier Laurier and other members of the government this week.

The Governor-General has received a telegram from the colonial secretary directing that the following rules be added to those already published touching the coming of belligerent vessels of war in British ports. During the continuation of hostilities no coal can be supplied to warships of either belligerent power except on the written authorization of competent port authorities.

Another Attack.

Tokio, Feb. 16.—A report has reached here that the Japanese torpedo fleet re-attacked the Russian fleet at Port Arthur February 14th and it is thought that one Russian warship was damaged.

specifying the amount of coal which may be supplied. Before issuing any authorization for the supply of coal to any belligerent warship, the port authorities shall first obtain a written declaration, duly signed by the officer commanding such warship, of destination to which it is proceeding and the amount of coal already on board.

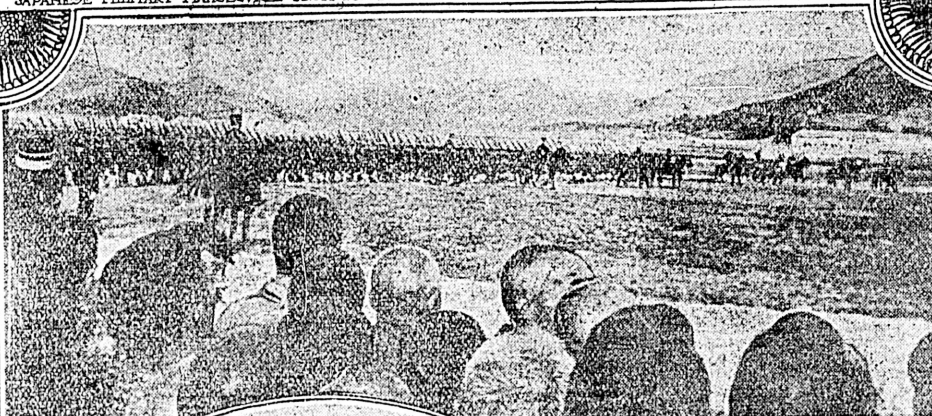
Hon. Mr. Scott, secretary of state, has received the following from the British consul at Seoul in response to a message sent on behalf of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions requesting that measures be taken to ensure the safety of the Canadian missionaries in Korea: "Seoul, Feb. 14.—Hon. Mr. Scott, Secretary of State, Ottawa: (Telegraphic communication with Song Ching interrupted, but I sent a message on 11th inst. to Vonsan, to be forwarded overland, recommending that women and children at Song Ching and Nam Hwang should be sent to Wonsan. (Signed) Wonsan.)"

A local paper intimates an increase in the price of all classes of paper as likely in view of the restricted output caused by unprecedented weather conditions.

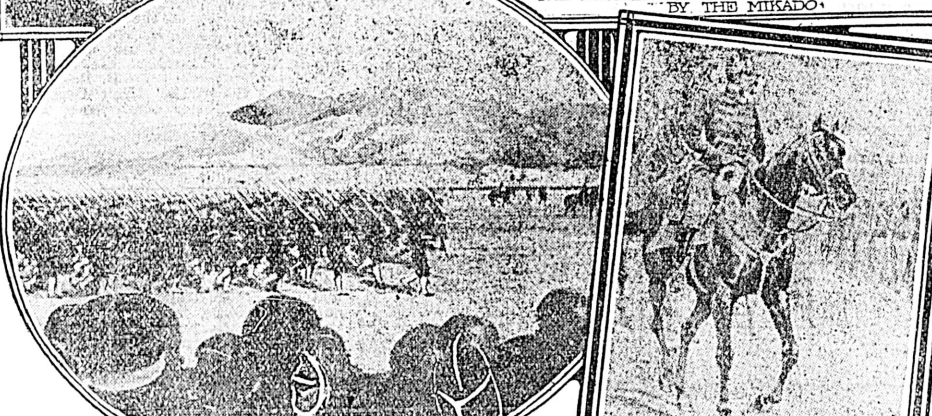
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MOBILIZING JAPAN'S ARMY

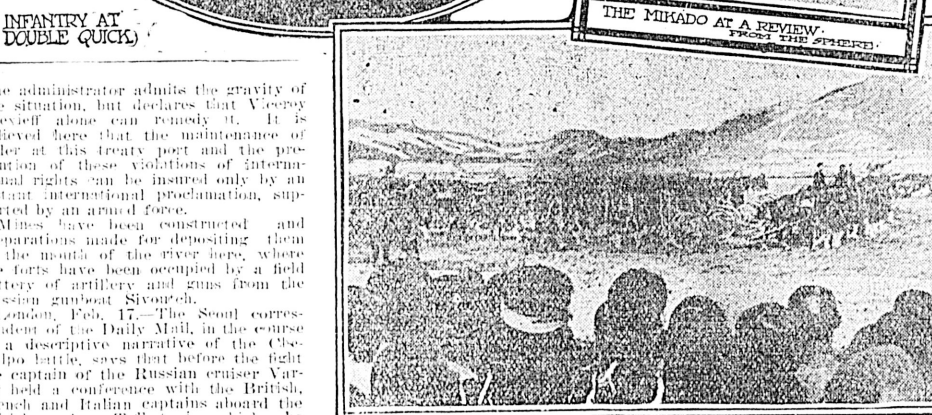
JAPANESE MILITARY MANOEUVRES FROM PHOTOGRAPHS MADE BY THE HERALD'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT AT TOKIO.



THE JAPANESE INFANTRY BEING REVIEWED BY THE MIKADO



THE MIKADO AT A REVIEW FROM THE FRONT



FIELD ARTILLERY

The administrator admits the gravity of the situation, but declares that Viceroy Alexieff alone can remedy it. It is believed here that the maintenance of order at this treaty port and the prevention of these violations of international rights can be insured only by an instant international proclamation, supported by an armed force.

Mines have been constructed and preparations made for depositing them at the mouth of the river here, where the forts have been occupied by a field battery of artillery and guns from the Russian gunboat Siyouchi.

London, Feb. 17.—The Seoul correspondent of the Daily Mail, in the course of a descriptive narrative of the Chienpoo battle, says that before the fight the captain of the Russian cruiser Varig held a conference with the British, French and Italian captains aboard the British cruiser Talbot, in which he asked for the protection of a foreign warship on leaving the harbor. A British launch delivered a protest to the Japanese admiral immediately before the action. The Americans present refrained from attending the naval conference, although some of the Russian wounded were received on board the United States gunboat Vicksburg.

While the Varig was being sunk, her captain, fearing that the Japanese would reach the vessel before she settled down, requested the captain of the Talbot to fire at her water line. This request was also refused.

According to special despatches from Tokyo the Russian squadron has returned to Vladivostok.

The Tokyo correspondent of the Daily Mail says in a despatch that two Russian warships appeared off Okinawa Island in the southern part of the Japanese sea Sunday.

The correspondent at Chemulpo of the Daily Express makes the astonishing statement that Japan has already landed 120,000 troops in Korea, 80,000 of whom are extended along the fighting front south of the Yalu river.

The Press attaches a great significance to the departure of Viceroy Alexieff from Port Arthur, and comments upon the sudden throwing of Russian troops into New Chwang as indicating Russia's apprehensions that Port Arthur is in danger and that the Japanese

Port Arthur, declare that on the morning of February 6th the Japanese squadron, including transports, received orders to sail for Port Arthur. The night attack was made by the torpedo boat destroyers, none of which were injured. In the bombardment of the Russian forts between 11 o'clock and noon on February 9th, the attacking vessels were hit by the Russian fire.

The cruiser Iwate had her three decks pierced by a shell, and the battleship Fujii's smokestack was destroyed. No ship, however, was injured so that dry docking was necessary. The same correspondent says a Japanese squadron has seized the Russian coal depot on Rose Island, off Chemulpo.

In another despatch from Tokio, dated February 16th, the correspondent of the Petit Parisien says that local newspapers are publishing long accounts of the ill treatment of Japanese in Manchuria, and that the Japanese Government has requested the United States to take measures for the protection of Japanese subjects there.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—A despatch from Port Arthur, dated February 15th, denies that the Japanese are landing at Chin Wung Tao, a port on the southern border of Manchuria close to the Chinese Northern Railroad. The sea there is covered with ice for a distance of fourteen miles from the shore, and

that some of the offenders were killed, but this is not confirmed.

Captain Stepanoff, who was blown up with the torpedo gunboat Yenisei, and who himself invented the system for laying submarine mines which is considered responsible for the catastrophe, had caused the Yenisei to be fitted with his device for the rapid laying of mines, whereby a trolley line extended beyond the vessels stern along which the mines slid out and dropped into their appointed places. This plan did away with the cumbersome work of laying the mines from small boats. The accident was due to the excessive strain on the Yenisei's anchor cables while the mines were suspended pending immersion. The two cables snapped and one mine collided with another.

Public opinion in Russia, even among military men, is strongly opposed to Viceroy Alexieff, who is accused of incapacity. A movement is on foot in favor of the immediate appointment of General Kuropatkin, the war minister, to command the Russian land forces, and to give Admiral Skrydloff command on the sea.

Viceroy Alexieff on February 16th issued an order of the day admonishing the soldiers with regard to patriotism and duty, expressing his confidence in victory.

Reign Of Terror Feared

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Tokio, Feb. 16.—The entire press of Japan is united in keen appreciation of the deep and generous sympathy which is being shown Japan by Western countries, and argues that this will be the means of drawing the East and West more closely together.

The German steamer Batavia has just reached Moji with 1,500 Japanese refugees on board, including the commercial agent of Japan at Vladivostok. The latter reports that ten Russian torpedo boats are frozen up at that port unable to move. The commander of the garrison and the local authorities at Vladivostok called on the departing agent and complained that the Japanese had opened hostilities without having declared war.

When news of the opening of the war reached Vladivostok the squadron there was hastily painted and cleared for action leaving the port on the afternoon of February 9th. He believed that it returned to Vladivostok after sinking the Nakamura Maru. There are no torpedoes nor mines sunk at Vladivostok, and the attack is totally unprepared to resist.

The government is receiving additional circumstantial reports of the alleged cruelty of the Russians towards Japanese refugees from Manchuria. The Japanese consul-general at Tien Tsin has just telegraphed the authorities here giving a recital of the story told by thirteen women who have just arrived at Shan Hai Kwan.

The sinking of the Nakamura Maru and the treatment of the refugees is creating a feeling which betokens a bitter and relentless war. It is probable that the Japanese will retaliate in kind for whatever excesses are committed by the Russians. The Japanese are unable to understand why the men and women refugees from Harbin were divided. It is suspected that Russia intends to hold the men at Port Arthur in the hope of avoiding a bombardment. This appears improbable. Thirteen were residing at Harbin and started south on February 9th with 500 companions, one-half of these were women, who reached Mukden on the 10th and were ordered to leave the train by Russian soldiers, who cruelly abused them and detained the party, which they finally divided, the men being ordered to proceed to Port Arthur. The women were sent to Nertchinsk, where United States Consul Miller provided food and transportation for them to Shan Kwan. The women say they saw several Japanese refugees cruelly beaten and wounded by Russian soldiers and robbed of money and jewelry. Japanese government and people are deeply stirred by these reports. They point to their own attitude towards Russians in Japan and denounce the Russians as barbarians.

Port Arthur, Feb. 16.—The firing on the German cruiser Hansa by Japanese occurred while she was proceeding to Port Arthur to take away German residents and not when the latter were on board. The Hansa was not damaged. On her arrival at Port Arthur she took on board a number of wives of Russian sailors and left the port without further incident. The work of repairing the damaged Russian battleships is progressing rapidly. The city and suburbs were undamaged by the Japanese attack. The people are anxious and business is at a standstill, but tranquillity prevails. After the religious service today there was a military review before the viceroy, Admiral Alexieff, who denounced the action of the Japanese as barbarous.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—Nothing is known here officially of the report that the German cruiser Hansa sent to remove German subjects from Port Arthur was fired upon by Japanese warships.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—The utterances of Baron Von Reichenberg, the German consul at Moscow, who is described as having made a speech to a crowd of Russians, saying among other things that Japan treacherously attacked Port Arthur, are severely commented upon by the German press.

The government probably will repudiate the consul's sentiments and reprimand him.

The issue of \$25,000,000 in Russian notes, announced from St. Petersburg today caused all Russian securities to weaken on the Bourse. An impression among the bankers is that Russia designs to pay abroad in gold and at home with notes. The belief is that Russia naturally will seek loans here and Paris within a couple of months, especially after she has succeeded in ending the war.

Tientsin, Feb. 16.—Yuan Shi Kai, commander-in-chief of Chinese imperial forces, has officially informed the French general, who is dean of the European commanders, that he purposes moving his troops to the Imperial troops now at Pao Tung Fu to Kiu Ching, near the head of the Liao Tung gulf and on the Shan Hai Kwan and Sin Min Thun railroad, to guard the frontier. Fighting, Yuan Shi Kai added, will not be begun in China proper and the belligerents crossing the frontier will be disarmed. It is believed that the Pekin troops are also moving overland towards the border.

Seoul, Feb. 16.—The Korean government has granted Japanese the right to traverse the country. It is reported Japanese warships have trapped three Russian ships at Yonampo. No details regarding the result of the naval exploit have been received.

Bossio, Russia, Feb. 16.—The departure of General Renekampf for the front today was the occasion for a great demonstration of patriotism. He was escorted to the railroad station on the shoulders of his fellow members of the officers' club.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Japanese minister today received a despatch from Tokio stating that trustworthy information has reached the Japanese government to the effect that as a result of the Japanese attack on the Russian squadron off Port Arthur at midnight of February 8th, the Russian battleship Retzian is still aground outside the port, the Czarevitch has been towed into port, the Pallada is still aground at the entrance of the port. All the despatches says, are disabled. The despatch says that as a result of the bombardment on the morning of the 4th the Novik was seriously damaged, but the Askold, Diana and Poltava were only slightly damaged.

United States Minister Allen from Seoul under yesterday's date, called that the despatch of the following details of the disposition made of the Russian sailors who composed the crews of the Variaz and the Korietz, the Russian cruisers sunk by the Japanese at Chemulpo on the 4th inst.

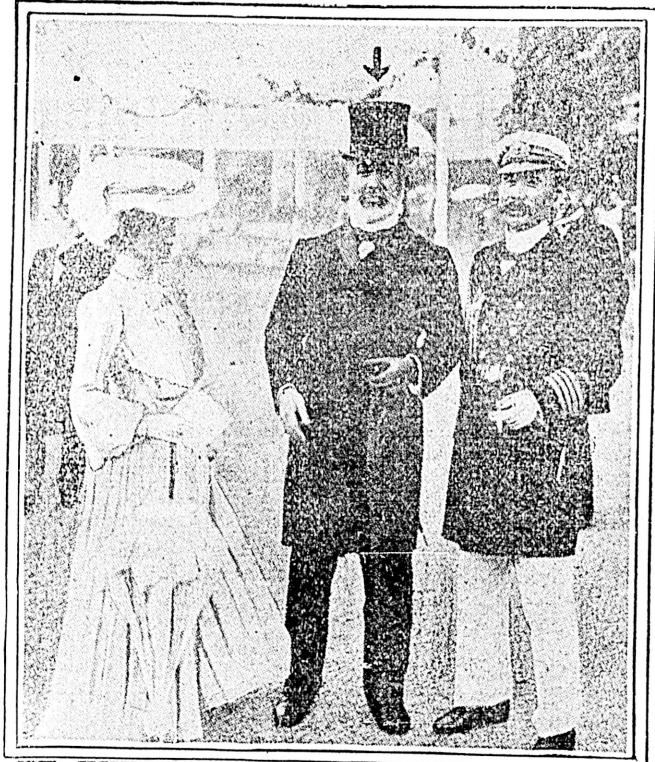
The Russian forces that were captured have been taken on board the French naval vessel and will be con-

veyed by her to Sago, Coochi China, tomorrow, where they will be held until after the close of the war. Those on the British naval vessel will be taken to Hongkong under a similar understanding.

Admiral Evans, commanding the United States Asiatic station, has notified the American navy department that he has despatched three of the cruiser squadron to North China ports where they will be held in readiness to serve as despatch boats or for the succor of refugees or similar purposes during the progress of the war. The New Orleans has started from Cavite for Chefoo, the nearest port to the theatre of war. The Raleigh and the Frolic have started from Cavite for Shanghai.

Washington, Feb. 16.—According to a high state department official there will be no more notes exchanged at present relative to the neutralization of China and the restriction of the theatre of war. Having induced the powers to accept the general principle of neutrality the American state department feels that that chapter is closed and an attempt to go into details at this time would almost certainly tend to disrupt the present satisfactory arrangement, for one or the other of the powers would have something to suggest which would be a bone of contention.

United States Secretary of State Hay today received responses from Austria-Hungary and from Portugal to his neutrality proposition, the answers in each case amounting to an acceptance of the



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principles. This completes the list of answers from all of the powers addressed on the subject with the single exception of Russia.

ITALIANS BEMOAN LOST ART TREASURE

Millionaire American Purchases Unique Relic From the Natives.

Rome, Feb. 16.—Deputy Barnabe, former director of fine arts, interrogated the government in the chamber today concerning the alleged surreptitious exportation to the United States of a Greek archaic chariot which was discovered in the department of Umbria. He said this chariot was most valuable, that it dates back to the sixth or seventh centuries before Christ, and that it had carved upon it pictures of events of great historical interest.

The chariot had been bought for \$50,000 by a wealthy American manufacturer, who had presented it to a museum at New York.

Siz Pinchia, under secretary of public instruction, said in reply that the inspector whose negligence had permitted the sale to be made, had been dismissed, and that strong measures have been adopted to prevent a repetition of the occurrence.

THE FAIR INQUIRY.

Preliminary Hearing in Paris of the Perjury Charge Against Witness.

Paris, Feb. 16.—The preliminary inquiry into the charges of perjury made against Lucien Mas and Alfred Moreau in connection with the testimony given by them with regard to the death of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Fair, who were killed in an automobile accident in France in August, 1902, has been continued at the assizes where the accused were committed for trial.

PHYSICIAN HONORED.

Paris, Feb. 16.—A. J. Magnin, the American physician who has charge of the American hospital here, has been decorated with the cross of the Legion of Honor.

OTHER FISH TO FRY.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—Commissioner General Alexanrovsky today officially announced the abandonment of the proposed participation of Russia in the St. Louis exposition.

MUZZLING THE TURKISH PRESS.

Constantinople, Feb. 16.—An order has been issued commanding the Turkish press to refrain from publishing comments unfavorable to Russia during the war.

SITUATION IN BALKANS.

Vienna, Feb. 16.—The situation in the Balkans is creating great uneasiness. Official denial of the rumors of the mobilization of the Austrian troops have failed to reassure the public, and it is still asserted that the government intends to mobilize two army corps provisionally for the purpose of guarding the Balkan frontier, because of fear that Turkey will provoke Bulgaria into war.

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Fine Prospects At Port Simpson

Rich Specimens of Ore to Form Part of St. Louis Fair Exhibit.

Much Unexplored Ground Tributary to the Northern Settlement.

Port Simpson, Feb. 13.—Mr. John Flewinn, the mining recorder for the Skeena district, recently forwarded to Ottawa some very fine samples of ore from several mining properties in this district that will go to help to make up the mineral exhibits that Canada will have at the St. Louis fair, and will show what is in this part of British Columbia.

Of course there has been but little mining done in the Skeena district, yet the field possesses possibilities that should attract the progressive prospector and the men with capital. In the belt lying between the Skeena river



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and Portland canal there is a very large area of mineral-bearing rock carrying copper, silver and gold.

Some of the few locations found here are sufficiently developed to demonstrate that they are properties of value. Some of the best copper-gold properties in this district are located near the water on Portland canal and Observatory inlets. The ore occurs in formation of dikes and brecciated schists. The ore of this section samples from \$20.00 up to \$95.00 per ton in gold and copper.

Up the Skeena river, in what is known as the Canyon, is found porphyry and slate, penetrate by ledges of quartz carrying gold in such quantities as certainly will attract capital soon to open up these veins and install machinery to reduce the rock and extract the precious metal.

Up the Skeena beyond the Canyon, some sixty miles from Port Essington, is a section of country not yet prospected. There is where platinum has been found in places by Indian hunters. That this valuable metal exists there in paying quantities is believed by many of the old-timers in this part of the country.

Take it all in all, there does not seem to be any field so inviting at present for the prospector or mining man than the Skeena district, and doubly so on account of the building in the near future of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway through this section of British Columbia.

The properties that have considerable development are the Bonanza group of twelve claims, Maple Bay, Observatory inlet; the plan of four acres group of six claims and the Queen of Sheba group on Portland canal owned by the Portland Consolidated Mining Company.

Health Officers Kergin and Flewinn are having a post house erected in the western part of the town for Mrs. White, the lady that arrived here on the last trip of the steamer Tsesio sick with the smallpox. Indian Agent G. W. Morrow came up Tuesday from Metlakatla to take care of the Indians that were aboard of the Tsesio and who were exposed to the dread disease. These were taken to Whisky Bay, two miles below town, where they are quarantined to await the outcome of their exposure.

The Indian inhabitants of the town were very badly frightened on account of the smallpox case and are leaving town.

GERMANY'S AFRICAN TROUBLE.

Siege of Gohab's Raised and Continued Fighting Reported.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—A despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Omdurman, German Southwest Africa, says that in an outpost skirmish near Soeds February 14, the German column marching to the relief of Windhoek, lost three men killed and had two men wounded. The despatch says also that continuous firing has been heard in the direction of Opjembahung, supposedly from Captain 'Cass' column in an attack on the Hereros who escaped to the mountains with stolen cattle. A despatch has been received here from Colonel Lattwein, governor of German Southwest Africa, saying that the Hereros have raised the siege of Gohab's. Much concern has been felt in Berlin concerning the situation.

TO AID THEIR COUNTRY.

Honolulu, Feb. 16.—At a meeting of Japanese merchants here \$142,000 was subscribed to the Japanese war loan.

PRESIDENT OF PANAMA.

Panama, Feb. 16.—Dr. Manuel Amador was unanimously elected first President of the Republic of Panama. Dr. Pablo Arosemena, Domingo Obaldia and Dr. Carlos Mendoza were elected to fill respectively the positions of first, second and third vice presidents.

A BRUTAL ATTACK.

Baltimore, Feb. 16.—John Jones was arrested today charged with the murder of John Drake, colored, Jones, who is a driver for a local brewing company, said that he had quarrelled with Drake Sunday night, and later left him with the three that he would beat him with a hatchet. Shortly afterwards Jones found Drake in a stable, and, locking the door, he attacked the negro with the hatchet, and hatched and kicked him to death.

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Half a tumblerful taken in the morning on rising brings gentle, sure and ready relief.

TORONTO SWINDLERS ARE ROUNDED UP

Gang Include Reputed Millionaire Charged With Forging Pawn Tickets.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—Dollar wheat was quoted in Toronto for the first time in several years, that figure being offered for No. 1 Manitoba at 100 cents.

Information was sworn out today by Detective Duncan against Jacob Singer, reputed to be the millionaire owner of 3,000 houses; Israel Singer, his son, S. E. Shueyk, a well-known Syrian; Frank Stark and Frank Donovan. Summons have been issued against the three first named. It is charged that they conspired and agreed to falsify certain pawn tickets. The laying of this information is the result of an investigation by the police in the manner in which Frank Stark and Frank Donovan, arrested for highway robbery a few days ago, came into the possession of numerous pawn tickets found upon them. The plan was to issue pawn tickets bearing a high price for worthless articles and then sell the tickets to some unwary victim.

DEPORTING CHINESE.

Unwelcome Boarders of the C. P. R. Must Go Back to China.

Montreal, Feb. 16.—Eighty-one Chinese who have passed the last three months in the immigration quarters of the C. P. R. station awaiting the decision of the courts regarding their destination, left here this morning for Vancouver, where they have decided that, as the Chinamen were originally destined, according to the manifest, for the West Indies, the C. P. R. cannot land them on any other country. They will go back to China.

ROOF CAVED IN.

Huntsville, Ont., Feb. 16.—Jesse Dean, farmer of the township of Chaffey, and a hired boy while going through the cattle shed when the roof fell in owing to the weight of snow on it, and both were buried. Dean was taken out dead, but the boy escaped unhurt.

FROZEN MAN IDENTIFIED.

Brandon, Feb. 16.—The man found frozen to death on the prairie yesterday has been identified as William Allen, of Souris. It is supposed that he came from Souris with the hockey team last Friday, as there was a return ticket from Souris on his person. The body is awaiting the arrival of friends.

CARRIE NATION'S UNDERSTUDY.

Blanche Boies Gets Thirty Days for Breaking 'Joint' Windows.

Topeka, Feb. 16.—Miss Blanche Boies was today sentenced to serve thirty days in jail and pay a fine of \$100 for her second offence in smashing the windows of buildings in which "joints" were operating a year ago. Miss Boies smashed the windows of five buildings. She has been serving a thirty-day sentence for smashing the first windows of the series of five. The sentence expired Saturday.

SIR WILLIAM'S LATEST.

Canadian Railroad Magazine and Other Capitalists Make New Conquest.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 16.—Robert H. Mager, manager of the United Fruit Company of Belize, British Honduras, who is in Mobile, says that an American company including Sir William Van Horne, of the C. P. R., Miner Keith, of the United Fruit Company and other capitalists and railroad men, have acquired the Guatemala railway, running from Port Barrios, 135 miles inland. The new company binds itself to extend the road sixty-five miles.

VAN HORNE ESCAPED.

Sir William and His Party Attacked by Cuban Bandits.

Santiago, Feb. 16.—It is reported here that the through train bearing Sir William Van Horne, heavily interested in Cuban railroads, and first president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, en route here from Havana, was attacked by bandits near Acto Cedro. The windows of the sleeper were smashed by the robbers, but all the passengers escaped injury.

The government is sending a detachment of the Rural Guards to patrol the railway in the vicinity of the track. The bandits were frightened away by the show of force made by the crew and passengers, but are believed to be camped in the neighborhood awaiting a favorable opportunity to make another attack.

SAME OLD STORY.

The Worst for Years. Again Expelled in New York State.

Utica, N. Y., Feb. 16.—This section is in the clutches of the worst storm of years. Trains on all railroads are late from a few minutes to seven hours, some being stalled and others are annihilated. Freight traffic has at a standstill and it will be several days before passenger travel can be resumed with any degree of regularity.

Burlington, Vt., Feb. 16.—Heavy snowfalls accompanied by bitter cold weather has interrupted traffic in all directions. No trains have arrived from the north over the Rutland Railroad for the past thirty-six hours. The south-bound trains, a passenger and a mixed freight, are fast in the drifts somewhere between stations south of this city.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The coldest temperature recorded here in the last twenty-four hours was 5 degrees below zero at 8 a. m. Five public schools were forced to close today because it was found impossible to keep them warm.

FIRE IN NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 16.—The five-story building at 16 and 18 Park place, occupied by Holbert's restaurant, the American Sports Publishing Company and other concerns, was destroyed by fire tonight. Loss \$100,000.

JAGGERS FOUND GUILTY.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 16.—Geo. Jaggers was tonight found guilty of the murder of Mrs. Mary B. Berans. Mrs. Berans was killed and her husband seriously wounded by shots fired through the window in their days Sunday township on November 13th. Jaggers was arrested on suspicion on the day of Mrs. Berans' funeral. The evidence against him was circumstantial. He will be sentenced on February 27.

BORN.

BYERS—At Nelson, on February 7th, the wife of Hamilton Byers, of a son.

SCHULTZ—At Nelson, on February 8th, the wife of J. Schultz, of a son.

ALEXANDER—At Vancouver, on February 10th, the wife of H. O. Alexander, of a son.

GENEST—At Nelson, on February 8th, the wife of H. Genest, of a son.

HARTNAGEL—On February 11th, to the wife of Mr. G. A. Hartnagel, a son.

MARRIED.

COLLISON—WILSON—At Vancouver, on February 11th, by Rev. R. J. Wilson, Frederick A. Collison and Miss Elizabeth Wilson.

GOODRICH—ALLEN—At Vancouver, on February 11th, by Rev. C. H. St. John, Arthur Goodrich and Miss Lizzie Allen.

CAMERON—McALMON—At Nelson, on February 8th, by Rev. E. H. H. Holman, James L. Cameron and Miss Sarah E. McAlmon.

BOND—SKILLICOM—At New Westminster, on February 7th, by Rev. Father O'Neill, I. N. Bond and Mrs. Margaret Skillicom.

DIED.

WISE—On February 15th, at his residence, 7 Dallas road, Captain Francis (Frank) W. Wise, a native of Boston, Mass., aged 63 years and 8 months.

Funeral at 2:30 o'clock on Wednesday, from above residence.

Friends kindly invited.

San Francisco papers please copy.

HOLMES—At Vancouver, on February 12th, Mrs. S. H. Holmes, aged 65 years.

SPENCER—At Kamloops, on February 12th, Spencer, aged 85 years.

HUMPHREY—At Fairfield Ranch, near Kamloops, on February 11th, James Humphrey, aged 75 years.

SMITH—On February 12th, at the residence of John Lawson, at Revelstoke, Mrs. William Smith, aged 69 years.

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Provincial Secretary's Office,
13th February, 1904.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor directs the publication of the undermentioned further official notice published in an Extra of The Canada Gazette of the 13th Instant.

By Command,
RICHARD McBRIDE,
Provincial Secretary.

His Excellency the Governor-General has received a further telegram from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, directing that the following additional rules be added to those already published touching the coaling of belligerent vessels of war in British ports:

(1) During continuation of hostilities no coal to be supplied to war ships of either of the belligerent powers, except on a written authorization of the competent port authorities, specifying the amount of coal which may be supplied;

(2) Before issuing any authorization for the supply of coal to any belligerent war ship the port authority shall obtain a written declaration, duly signed by the officer commanding such war ship, of the destination to which it is proceeding, and the amount of coal already on board.

By Command,
R. W. SCOTT,
Secretary of State.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
13th February, 1904.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor directs the publication of the following official notice published in an Extra of The Canada Gazette, dated 11th February, 1904.

By Command,
RICHARD McBRIDE,
Provincial Secretary.

His Excellency the Governor-General has received a telegram from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, drawing attention to His Majesty's proclamation of neutrality in the occasion of the war between Japan and Russia. The text of the proclamation has not yet come to hand. In the meantime His Excellency the Governor-General hereby charges and commands all subjects of His Majesty within the Dominion of Canada to observe strict neutrality in and during the aforesaid war, and to abstain from violating or contravening other the laws and statutes of the realm in that behalf, or the law of nations in relation thereto.

Attention is also directed to the requirements of the Foreign Enlistment Act, and the rules based thereon. All British subjects are warned against any transgression of the same.

The following rules are hereby declared to be in force forthwith:

Rule A.—No ships of war of either belligerents may use the British waters or places of resort for war-like purposes or equipment, or may leave British waters until twenty-four (24) hours after a ship of either belligerent, whether a ship of war or a merchant ship.

Rule B.—Every such ship of war shall be required to put to sea within twenty-four (24) hours after entrance, unless in event of stress of weather necessary for repairs or provisions, in which case it must leave as soon as possible, and certainly within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of repairs.

Rule C.—It is subject to Rule A, and time must be extended accordingly. No supplies to be allowed beyond provisions and subsistence for crew necessary for immediate use, nor coal beyond what can take the ship to the nearest port of its own country. No ship can coal in any British port twice within three months. No prizes can be brought into British waters.

By Command,
R. W. SCOTT,
Secretary of State.

NOTICE.

The adjourned meeting of the shareholders of the Ombuca & Peace River Mining Co., will be held this evening at Law Chambers, Bastion Square, at 8 o'clock. A large attendance of shareholders is requested.

The following rules are hereby declared to be in force forthwith:

When washing greasy clothes or pots and pans, Love's Dry Soap (a powder) will remove the grease with the greatest ease.

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Dress Goods 25c, Worth \$1.00	Kid Gloves 45c, Worth \$1.75
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This reduction should interest you; why not buy that new Dress now? Today is the day we sell Dress Goods worth up to \$1.00 or 25c

The ladies are always pleased with a chance like this: Good French Kid Gloves, oddments of several wanted kinds, worth up to \$1.75. To-day's price 45c

Oddments of Embroideries up to 25c, To-day 5c.

Lace Curtain Oddments \$1.25, worth \$2.00	Black Dress Goods 50c, worth \$1.50
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About 20 pairs of Lace Curtains, some only one pair of a pattern. Selling up to \$2.00.

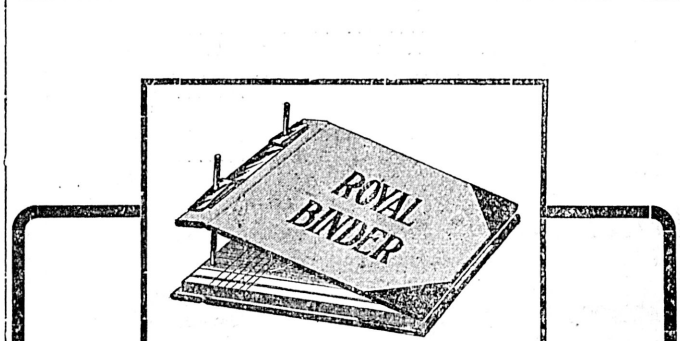
To-day your choice..\$1.25

A Big Cut, but we do not carry over broken assortments. Some very handsome goods in the lot, worth up to \$1.50.

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The Mining Convention

City Council and Tourist Association Will Assist in Entertaining.

Honorary Treasurer Acknowledges Receipt of Additional Subscriptions.

The work of preparing for the mining convention, which meets here next Monday, is proceeding satisfactorily. The canvassing committee are meeting with gratifying success, finding a ready response in nearly every instance. The assistance of the Tourist Association has been invited to receive and entertain visiting delegates and the executive of that body has cheerfully consented to assist in making the second annual convention a success. Joint committees from the Mining Association, Tourist Association, Board of Trade and City Council, it is hoped, will arrange a programme which will make the convention a memorable event.

The executive of the Victoria Branch will meet this evening at 8:30 in Mr. Kingham's office to receive the reports of the canvassing committee and perfect arrangements in connection with the convention. The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Kingham, has received the following subscriptions in addition to those already acknowledged:

Victoria Hotel, B. E. Lecson	\$10.00
Rowland Macdonald	5.00
A. J. Sayward	5.00
W. P. Oliver, Bank of B. N. A.	5.00
Joshua Kingham	5.00
Hotel Davies and Poodle Dog	5.00
H. E. Newton	5.00
Mowat & Wallace	2.50
W. J. Hanna	2.50
Hall & Co., Druggists	2.50
W. J. Hanna	2.50
P. Carney, Jr.	2.50
Watson & Hall	2.50
B. Williams & Co.	2.50
John Barnhill & Co.	2.50
Thos. Sholtz	2.50
G. Cameron, M. P. P.	2.50
G. G. Sander	2.50
Tolmie & Stewart	2.50
Hardness Clarke	1.00
W. M. Dean	1.00
Norman Livingston	1.00
J. S. Harvey	1.00
A. S. Emery	1.00
Hon. E. Dewdney	1.00

FIRE IN MINNEAPOLIS.

Minneapolis, Feb. 16.—The Printers' Exchange building, one of the largest structures of the city was completely gutted by fire today. Loss \$120,000.

U. S. ADMIRAL RETIRES.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Announcement was made today at the United States navy department of the retirement at his own request of Rear Admiral Cotton, commander-in-chief of the United States European station.

FLORIDA LIMITED WRECKED.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 16.—The Florida limited on the Western and Atlantic railroad south bound was wrecked eight miles from this city today. The cars were overturned, and twelve persons were injured, two of whom may die.

HANNA'S LARGE ESTATE.

Dead Senator Owned Property to the Value of Many Millions.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 16.—The value of the estate left by Senator Hanna is estimated at from seven to eight millions of dollars. It is stated that he owned at least 15 per cent. of the stock of the Cleveland electric railway, capitalized at \$25,000,000. In addition to being largely interested in vessels and iron mining properties, he was a director in the United States National Bank, Guardian Trust Company, the People's Savings and Loan Company, of this city, and the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railway. He was a large stockholder in the American Shipbuilding Company and the Pittsburgh Coal Company. He owned the Euclid opera house in this city.

IN PRAISE OF HANNA.

President Mitchell Pays Eloquent Tribute to Dead Senator.

Indianapolis, Feb. 16.—President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America has sent a personal telegram of condolence to Senator Hanna, saying that in Senator Hanna's death labor had lost a sincere friend.

Mr. Mitchell said today: "The death of Senator Hanna is a distinct loss to the cause of industrial peace. The last years of his life were given to the promotion of the work of conciliating the interests of employers and employees. I enjoyed the friendship of Senator Hanna and to an unusual degree his confidence in matters of this kind, and I am many things he has done, of many sacrifices he has made in the line of organized workmen, for which he neither sought nor received credit. His efforts as chairman of the National Civic Federation have been in the line of relationship with nearly all the trade union movements and he had the trust and respect of all of them."

William D. Huber, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, and President James L. Smith of the International Typographical Union, expressed themselves in a similar strain, with respect to Senator Hanna as a friend of the workman.

Could Not Lie On Her Left Side.

WAS TROUBLED WITH PAIN IN HER HEART FOR SIX YEARS.

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Mrs. C. Bondeau, Campbellton, N.B., was completely cured by

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She tells of her experience in the following letter: "I was troubled with a pain in my heart for six years. Most of the time I could not lie on my left side. I consulted a doctor but got no relief and was completely discouraged. I did not think I would live long and expected my friends would find me dead. A friend brought me a box of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills and I took them to please her, not thinking they would do me any good. I had not used half the box when I commenced to feel myself getting better and by the time I had taken two boxes I was completely cured and can recommend them to all sufferers from heart trouble."

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PERSONALS.

Mr. A. H. Findlay, representing Messrs. Wright & Ditson, of Boston, Mass., spent several days here last week.

P. Muller and wife, of San Francisco, are registered at the Strand.

W. R. Ross, M. P. P. for Fernie, left for his home by last night's boat.

J. H. Rickaby, of R. P. Huber & Co., was a passenger for Vancouver by the Champlain last night.

A. K. Sutherland, of Winnipeg, arrived in town last night, and is a guest at the Vernon.

James Fowler, Vancouver, and Geo. M. Bulwer, of Toronto, are among the latest arrivals at the Vernon.

McIntosh, of Toronto, is a guest at the Strand.

Hon. G. Dewdney was a passenger for the Mainland last night.

Joseph Muller, advance agent for the Holland Opera Company, is registered at the Strand.

R. C. Pope and family are registered at the Dominion. Mr. Pope has just disposed of his Mount Newton farm and returns shortly to his old home in Minnesota.

H. Helgesen, ex-M. P. P. for Cariboo, arrived yesterday from Arizona, and is a guest at the Dominion.

M. G. Fleming, Tacoma, and C. A. Eastman, of Spokane, are among those registered at the Dominion.

Frank Higgins returned from Seattle on the steamer Princess Beatrice yesterday afternoon. Mr. Higgins has been lecturing on the matter of the Superior court at Seattle for Roseland clients. Mrs. Higgins accompanied him to the Sound City.

P. H. Pemberton returned from the Mainland yesterday evening. During his absence Theodore Liddle will act as consul.

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"ETERNAL CITY"

Masterly Production Promised of Hall Caine's Famous Drama.

Masquini wrote an exquisite music setting for Hall Caine's drama, "The Eternal City," which will be presented at the Victoria theatre by Edward Morgan, Sarah Truax, Frederick de Belleville and their large company of associate players next Friday. The entire score will be played at each performance by an enlarged orchestra. This will be a unique opportunity for lovers of good music. They can hear one of the most melodious and highly-colored works of the brilliant composer of "Cavalleria Rusticana," and see the strongest of Hall Caine's dramas at the same time.

"The Eternal City" is a story of Rome. Masquini was selected to write the music rather than Puccini, Leoncavallo or other of his talented contemporaries, because he, of all of them, seems best to comprehend the spirit of Rome—the city eternal—and, therefore, is most qualified to suggest or embody it in music. He wrote for the Caine play an overture, an intermezzo, two marches, chorals and music incidental to some of the most intense scenes. The effect in the performances is to create atmosphere and to intensify the dramatic situations. Owing to the length of the performances, the Masquini overture will be begun at 8 o'clock.

IN CHAMBERS.

Yesterday morning before the Hon. Mr. Justice Drake in chambers application was made in *Mowley vs. Maffner* for a writ of prohibition; Mason for plaintiff and Maffner for defendant. Adjudged by consent to today. *Coles vs. C. P. R.* Company application for jury trial was stood over till today. *Coles vs. C. P. R.* Company plaintiff, reciprocal order made. Gregory for plaintiff, Lawson for defendant. *Re Lenora Richards*, deceased, application for administration to husband and to son. Jay for former, Taylor for latter. Administration granted to the husband on the usual terms. *McDonald vs. Johnson*, application to add defendant, Morphy for plaintiff and Gregory for defendant. Stood over till today, proceedings to be stayed in the meantime.

WELL SUITED.

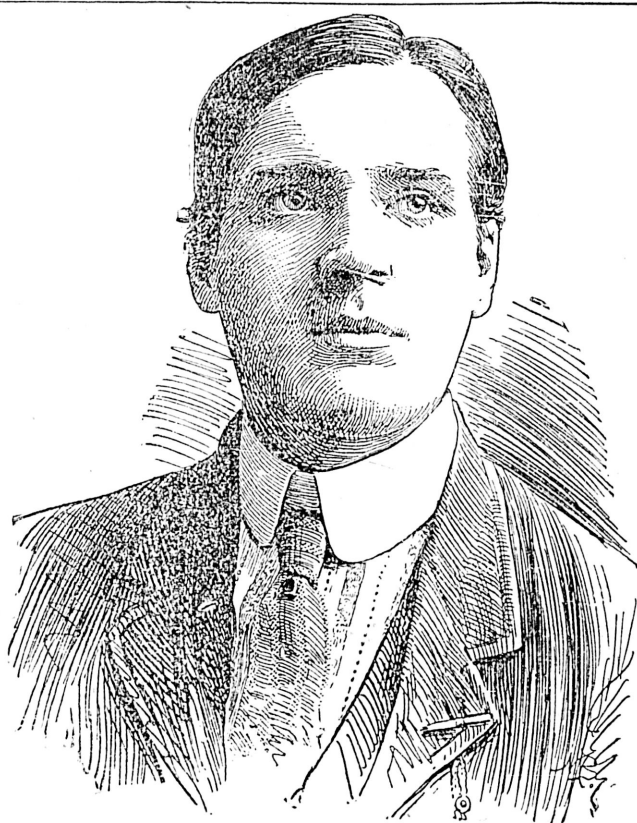
They were discussing the Grand Jury's action and similar to have another lawsuit, remarked the man with a big diamond in his shirt.

"Yes, one with stripes in the cloth," explained the plain-clothes man.

GREAT PRAISE.

"I have always heard it said that your wife is a woman of her word," said Gazar to Bickers.

"That's quite right," added Bickers. "Quite right. She is not only a woman of her word, but a woman of a good many words."—Detroit Free Press.



Edward Morgan as "David Rossi" in Hall Caine's "The Eternal City."

SPORTING NEWS.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

May Play at Barracks.

This afternoon Capt. Whyte of the Y. M. C. A. club will endeavor to take a team to the Barracks. The soldiers have promised a game if he can take a team down.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The Champions of Wales.

Twenty thousand people assembled on the Swansea ground to witness the third encounter of the season between the home team and Newport. The first match had resulted in a win for Swansea by two tries to a goal, in the second Newport were victorious by a field goal to nil, and upon the third meeting Swansea's position at the head of the Welsh clubs. Swansea settled it by winning by a goal and two tries to nothing.

On Saturday afternoon next the Claredales will play the Centrals at the Claredale grounds. Teams and time will appear in a later issue.

BASKETBALL.

Junior Game Tonight at Claredale.

This evening at the Claredale hall, beginning at 7:30 a junior basketball game will be played between the Centrals and the Claredale teams. The following players will represent the clubs:

Claredale—Guards, Owens and Ross; centre, Chislet; forwards, Dakers and Cousins.

Centrals—Guards, Clegh and Morris; centre, L. Swenney; forwards, H. Sarason and W. Loat.

GOLF.

Oak Bay Record Broken.

Last week Mr. A. H. Findlay, of Boston, Mass., who is an enthusiastic golfer, had the pleasure of meeting several of the local experts in this game. Mr. Findlay has held the amateur championship record of the states for several years. He has visited almost all the golf links in the United States and Canada, and expressed himself as delighted with their situation and the way they are kept. He played several matches while here with Capt. Davidson, Mr. Coombe, Mr. Goldfinch and others, and established a record of 74 for the course, the previous holder of this being Mr. Coombe, our local expert, who made the course in 75.

Mr. Findlay, who is with the house of Wright & Ditson, of Boston, has brought out many special golf clubs of his own, which have caught on with the local players, and while in this city he pointed Messrs. Waitt & Co. exclusive agents for the sale of his clubs.

LACROSSE.

Hoobin Will Retire.

Harry Hoobin, the great home player of the Shamrock team of Montreal, has decided to give up the game of lacrosse. He stated that he had been at it for a long time, and that he will no longer play lacrosse. He played several matches while here with Capt. Davidson, Mr. Coombe, Mr. Goldfinch and others, and established a record of 74 for the course, the previous holder of this being Mr. Coombe, our local expert, who made the course in 75.

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CURLING.

Results of Games at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Feb. 16.—In a special game today between the St. John and Calgary City rinks, representing the far East and the far West, the St. John rinks were the winners, 16 to 10, carrying off handsome silver mounted brooms as trophies. Shavard St. John also won a well contested game for the Dolge international, defeating Robertson of Itany River, 12 to 8.

The British bark Earmount loads merchandise for Liverpool direct and the bark Canada takes an assorted cargo from San Francisco to Honolulu.

ESCAPED IN TIME.

"No matter how brave men are they are all afraid of their wives."

"I know one who isn't."

"Who is he? He must be a phenomenon."

"Oh, no; only a bachelor."—Brooklyn Eagle.

KEPT AWAKE TO DIE.

Death from sleeplessness is the punishment for murder in some parts of China. The culprit is kept awake by beating the soles of his feet, and this treatment continues until he dies. At the end of nine or ten days the victim breathes his last.

THE PYX CHAPEL.

The many visitors to London who dock here at this time of year will be interested to hear that the Pyx Chapel, in Westminster Abbey, which has hitherto been justly admired from the public gaze, is shortly to be lighted by electricity and thrown open for general inspection. Here was formerly the royal strong room, where the regalia and the King's money were kept, and in this treasury in 1363, while Edward I. was warring in Scotland, was stolen the £100,000 which was to pay the expenses of the campaign. The stone door, with seven locks, had formerly a covering of human skins, and one wonders if they were those of the daring robbers of Plantagenet times. The Pyx, which contained the standard pieces of gold and silver used in the "trial of the pyx," first ordered in the reign of Henry II., has been transferred to the mint, and the regalia, since the restoration, have been kept in the Tower. The only object of interest now to be seen in the chapel, if we except a few ancient chests, is an old stone altar, and there is no longer any reason for keeping it under lock and key.—London Chronicle.

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Talks on Fertilizers

PEATY SOILS

By B. Maynard, Victoria, B. C.

Many peaty soils even with the best of care and cultivation prove very unproductive, or may become so after being under cultivation for a number of years; this is chiefly owing to their being naturally very deficient in potash and phosphoric acid, particularly the former; these essential plant foods must be supplied before satisfactory crops can be obtained.

In a previous article two methods commonly practiced to improve the fertility of these soils, were discussed, both of which are troublesome and expensive, and also very impracticable and not lasting in their effect. An illustration was also given showing the effect of the use of potash fertilizing. In this article the writer will give further illustrations of the benefits derived from the use of potash on these soils taken from experiments personally observed.

On a farm, who has a large tract of peat, originally very productive, had become much discouraged owing to its seemingly complete run down condition, which, in spite of his utmost endeavor he could not overcome; at last he decided to use potash, experimented on potatoes and oat and wheat hay. The first plot of potatoes received nothing, the second muriate of potash at the rate of about 75 pounds per acre; the third plot received about 150 pounds per acre. The crop of No. 1 blighted badly and was not worth harvesting. Plot No. 2 showed but little blight, crop fair. Plot No. 3 no blight at all, crop double that of No. 2. The oats and wheat were treated with a crude potash salt—both showing a great improvement, straw also stiffer and brighter than elsewhere. This past year, the same man conducted a series of experiments with only one soil on the same soil. Plot No. 1 received nothing. Plot No. 2 muriate of potash, superphosphate and nitrate of soda. Plot No. 3 superphosphate and nitrate of soda. Plot No. 4 received muriate of potash only. For results Plot No. 1 produced a very small crop of almost worthless hay. Plot No. 2, produced the heaviest crop of the series, quality good but inferior to No. 4. Plot No. 3 produced a heavy crop of good hay. Plot No. 4 gave a heavy crop of No. 3, and but slightly less in quantity than No. 2, quality, however, superior, this plot showing the greatest profit from the outlay. The nitrate of soda used on these plots did not do much harm, rather a benefit, causing a rank growth of weak straw. In fact on all these plots, where potash was not used the straw was weak and badly discolored. It should be stated that the potato plot mentioned above had been under the previous year and cropped to roots. It is particularly noticeable that there was practically no result from the manure. On an adjoining farm 100 pounds of muriate of potash gave as large a crop of wheat as 25 to 30 tons manure, soil also peaty.

Another experiment on a thirteen-acre field covered a period of four years, to determine the lasting effect of potash on these soils is of interest. This soil had been cropped for many years, having at the time of experiment a crop-producing power of about 25 bushels of oats per acre. The owner applied sulphate of potash at the rate of about 75 pounds per acre, and none for the next three years, oats being grown continuously. The first year he harvested over 90 bushels per acre, the second year the crop dropped to about 60 bushels, the third year to about 40 bushels, the fourth year to about 25 bushels, or to what the soil was capable of producing previously. The fifth year the place changed hands, the purchaser again applied potash with the result that he obtained 1,200 bushels of oats per acre. He had used potash ever since, resulting in a yearly average of fully 90 bushels per acre, his annual outlay for potash being about \$2.20 per acre.

During the four years' experiment it is very clear that the loss from the gradual decrease in crop was far in excess of the amount saved by not using potash. The second year the falling off was 30 bushels per acre, the third year 45 bushels, the fourth year 65 bushels as against an annual saving of \$2.25 per acre. On looking at it from another point of view, one application of potash gave an increase the first year of 65 bushels, the second year 35 bushels, the third year 20 bushels, a total increase of 120 bushels for an outlay of \$2.25 per acre, being an increase of 1,500 bushels on his thirteen-acre field, for an outlay of potash of \$29.25. The total cost figure for himself, 1,500 bushels of oats are worth. Furthermore, by the regular use of potash these thirteen acres are producing as much grain as forty-seven acres of the same land would produce without its aid.

From the above the reader may get the impression that potash is all that these soils need. It, however, must be borne in mind that many of them are sadly deficient in phosphoric acid without which potash cannot be effective. In others a very acid condition may prevail, liming should then be resorted to as well. The writer later, hopes to treat of further experiments relating to these soils.

A MAGIC PAINTING.

A farmer, seeing an artist painting in his field, asked him what he would charge to paint his farm with himself standing at the door of his house.

"Give me a figure," said the artist.

"Done," said the farmer. "Come tomorrow."

In due course the painting was finished. But, alas, the careless artist had forgotten to paint in the worthy farmer.

"Yes, I like it," said the farmer; "but where is me, lad—where's me?"

The error he had made flashed across the artist, but he tried to pass it off with a laugh.

"Oh, have I?" said the old chap, nettled. "I'll be comin' out soon; and if I do, I'll pay you; in the meantime, we'll hang it up and wait!"

It is sometimes said that almost anyone may be rich if he is not particular about the means he uses. By way of illustration the following anecdote is given in the Kansas City Journal:

Not long ago an old friend of mine died, leaving a barrel of money. He had a house full of children, ten or dozen. It cost considerable to feed them. The old man evolved a scheme. He would say to the children in the evening, "Now, how many of you will take a nickel and go to bed without supper?"

They all took nickels and went to bed.

The next morning the old man would say, "Now, children, you all look hungry. How many of you will give me a nickel for a nice hot breakfast?" and, sure enough, they would all hand over their nickels. The old man simply saved the cost of the children's supper.

This was just one of his little schemes. He had others. That's why he died rich.



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THE DEATH OF MR. HANNA.

The death of Mr. Hanna, after a short illness, has removed a man who has been one of the most conspicuous figures in political circles in the United States for a long period. With strong opinions on political matters which he never hesitated to express, and with equally strong party bias, few men who took as active a part as he did in public affairs, were so well thought of as Mr. Hanna was by his political opponents. This has been shown during his illness by the references to him in journals that have been the bitterest opponents both of Mr. Hanna and the party of which he was such a prominent and influential member. And Mr. Hanna deserved such treatment, if for nothing else than for the manliness and good nature which he always displayed even under irritating circumstances and attacks that would have embittered most men.

Senator Hanna had a prosperous political career, and it may be that in some respects he was happy in the circumstances of his death. Within the last few months his name had been almost the only one seriously mentioned as a possible nominee as the Republican candidate for the Presidency instead of Mr. Roosevelt. While we doubt whether any one but Mr. Roosevelt would have any chance of securing the nomination, the fact that Mr. Hanna's name was freely mentioned in such a connection, shows the position that he held in the Republican party.

Mr. Hanna was one of the few men in the United States who in recent years have been alike prominent in commercial and political circles. While not a self-made man in the ordinary sense in which the term is used, since he was the son of a man of large business interests, he was early entrusted with the direction of important affairs and was as successful in business as he was in politics. As the man who secured the nomination of the late Mr. McKinley to the first place on the Republican ticket, as chairman of the National Committee he was also the moving spirit in the organization which succeeded in 1896 and 1900 in electing Mr. McKinley as the Chief Magistrate. Mr. Hanna's death is a loss both to the Republican party and to the nation, and he will be greatly missed in the party councils in the coming electoral campaign.

THE BRITISH FISCAL PROBLEM.

About ten days ago the Imperial Government secured a substantial majority in the House of Commons on the motion by Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman condemning the Government for the manner in which it managed the South African war. On Monday last the Government also secured a majority on Mr. Morley's vote of censure in regard to the Government's stand on the fiscal question. The majority was, however, on both occasions, much smaller than what it would have had a few months ago on any matter before Mr. Chamberlain had buried his fiscal proposals into the arena. It is also evident that on Monday Mr. Balfour had votes cast for him which may be found with the Opposition when the fiscal policy is discussed again and the Government's actual position in the controversy made clear. Mr. Balfour's absence through illness has caused the debate to lack that interest which it would have had if the Premier had participated in it. But it is not improbable that had Mr. Balfour spoken, the majority would have been smaller than it was on Monday since he must have stated what his position really was. If the Premier had admitted that he looked with favor on a movement for fiscal reform such as Mr. Chamberlain suggests, there is little doubt that some Unionist-Free Traders would have gone into the Opposition lobby. His absence made it possible for them to support the Government, since there was no announcement of the Cabinet's actual position on the question.

It is, however, very plain that this state of things cannot continue much longer. Not only Parliament, but the country will demand a clear and definite statement of the position taken by the Government. At present there is nothing to indicate that Mr. Balfour has made any further move in the direction of Mr. Chamberlain's proposals. He seems rather to have receded somewhat from his position at Leeds and Manchester. We are not inclined to think that the policy of commercial retaliation alone will be a cry to win an election with, and a Liberal victory may result from the next appeal to the electorate.

THE FEDERAL CABINET.

The appointment of Mr. C. S. Hyman to a seat in the Federal Cabinet without a portfolio, will strengthen the Government in Ontario, in which the representation of that Province has been weak. Mr. Hyman is a capable man of business, but without the charge of a department he will have little opportunity to show what improvement might be made in administrative matters. In the House of Commons Mr. Hyman has been almost a silent member. But he has made a not unsatisfactory reputation for himself by work on committees

of the House, in which "sense counts for more than sentences." The appointment of Mr. Hyman to a seat in the Cabinet without a portfolio, and of Mr. Lemieux to a portfolio without a seat in the Cabinet, indicates that Sir Wilfrid Laurier (or some of his colleagues) realizes that it is necessary to strengthen the personnel of the Ministry. No one can perceive more clearly than Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the Government has been greatly weakened by the disappearance from its councils of Mr. Tarte and Mr. Blair. It is, of course, the fashion in orthodox Liberal circles to depreciate Mr. Tarte's ability and to minimize the loss inflicted on the party and the Government by his withdrawal from them. That this is not the real opinion of the Premier or of other Liberal leaders is shown very plainly by the frequency with which they refer in their speeches to the late Minister of Public Works. Only last week at Montreal Sir Wilfrid was criticizing a recent speech made by Mr. Tarte compared him to the serpent in Paradise. Mr. Tarte, while admitting that the country was prosperous, asserted that it would be more prosperous under a reformed fiscal policy. Sir Wilfrid said just the same thing happened in Paradise. Adam and Eve were perfectly happy. They were doing well when the tempter came along and told them if they followed his advice they would do much better. We should like to hear Mr. Tarte's rejoinder to this suggestion of his prototype.

But what will concern the people of British Columbia more particularly in connection with these additions to the Cabinet is the question, where does this Province come in? Is it to have a real representation in the Cabinet by the bestowal of a portfolio on Senator Templeman? Or are we still to be put off with the shadow for the substance?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

SLANDERS REBUKED.

Sir, I come across the Colonist quite frequently in this city, and usually observe something in the local news about the weather in Vancouver, which leads me to believe that such news when it is properly exaggerated, is considered good reading material for the Victoria public. Now, I am anxious to see a few dollars on the side, and for the sum of \$5 per month will undertake to supply you weekly or bi-weekly, just as you wish, with a weather report, and will, of course, exaggerate in a way agreeable to the Colonist, i.e.: "We had five or six inches of snow the other day; this would be termed a very heavy snowfall," and in like manner I will endeavor to rain and sure weather worth the money. My conscience would be quite easy, as nobody cares a hang here whether the climate is abused or praised, and particularly what the weather of Victoria happens to be in comparison with this city. R.A.

Vancouver, 15th Feb., 1904.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

David Wilson, B. A., Inspector of schools for the Kootenay and Boundary, was in town this week in response to a requisition sent to the minister of education to have a public school established here. Unfortunately there are not a sufficient number of children of school age in town to establish a school here at present.—Poplar Nugget.

General Manager A. C. Garde, of the Payne, has announced that he has closed a contract through L. Vogelstein, of Wall street, New York, with Aaron Hirsh & Son, of Halberstadt, Germany, for the entire mine output of the Payne until January 1st, 1905. The deal was made through S. Hirsh representing L. Vogelstein. Mr. Hirsh spent a portion of last week at the Payne mine for the purpose of closing up the deal.—Kistko Kootenian.

The public school continues closed owing to whooping cough epidemic.—Lillooet Prospector.

On Thursday C. Fleming, formerly of Revelstoke, was working at Capt. Saunders' logging camp at Kingston, driving a team. When passing beneath a tree a limb broke off and dropping on him, crushed his skull. Fleming was immediately brought to Revelstoke hospital, but the medical staff concluded they could do nothing for him. He has been unconscious since the accident and is not expected to live out the afternoon. He is a cousin of A. E. Kincade—Revelstoke Mail.

What proves to be the severest snowstorm of the winter so far, began last Saturday, and has continued nearly all this week, with the mercury showing close to zero and the snow lying in a foot or more. The trains have been delayed more or less this week.—Phoenix Pioneer.

The Columbia Flour Mills Company at Enderby, have increased their capital to \$100,000 and will double the output of the mill, thus carrying on there one of the largest flour-milling enterprises in British Columbia.—Nelson Economist.

Yesterday morning at the Supreme Court sittings before Chief Justice Hunter, a start was made in the trial of the famous fraudulent rights case, in which the Star Mining Co. are plaintiffs and the Hon. N. White Co. are defendants. The court room was adorned with a blackboard, map and stand, the intricate and carefully prepared maps and plans of the defendants and with plans and maps of all sorts. The plaintiffs have models, maps and plans of their own which will be produced later, and it is evident that both sides have made careful preparation for a prolonged struggle and have spared neither time nor money to thoroughly present their respective views to the court.—Nelson News.

From Cariboo comes very encouraging reports of the prospects for next season's mining. Mr. Geo. White writes from Kelowna creek that three feet of snow has fallen there and from Morehead as good a report is given. Barkerville is enjoying about four feet at the present time. There is still a month more within which heavy snowfalls can be expected, so that from the hydraulic miners' point of view all that he requires is a guarantee that the snow will go off gradually, and he is sure of a prosperous season. The prospect is particularly bright for the Consolidated mine at Bullion, because of the reservoirs of this mine which can hold the water and prevent its waste.—Ashcroft Journal.

PRESS COMMENT.

Mr. Boulger's article on the "Yellow Peril" in the January Nineteenth Century, is of importance just now. He points out that so far as the danger to Europe and the white race is concerned, we have two alternatives to consider, Russia and Japan are people allied to the Chinese; if either gained control of China they would be a great danger to Europe. But Russia would be a far more formidable head of the yellow races than Japan. She has a vast land empire, which we could not easily interfere with. Naval reverses, in Mr. Boulger's view, would seriously affect her when once her land communications across Siberia are completed. She might then make it difficult, if not impossible, for us to hold Asiatic possessions, and in any case would gravely augment our Imperial anxieties. Japan, on the other hand, would only be dangerous to Russia as her island position would allow us to protect ourselves against her. These reasons Mr. Boulger considers we are wise in supporting Japan in a Far Eastern crisis rather than Russia.—Public Opinion.

If the State is to have power to act as a check on our tendencies to degeneration, there must first be a thorough physical education given to boys and girls.—Saturday Review.

The public has long since elized up Lord

Rosebery. He has "no settled conviction" about anything, except a vague, vain, and almost unconscious belief that in the scheme of Providence he is indispensable to the British Empire. But if he is ever again the controller of the destinies of the Empire, it will be as a Samson who has voluntarily been shorn.—Daily Telegraph.

There is one vast difference between Wright and some of our leaders of high finance. He was amenable to the severe English common law, and he was not. It and he paid the penalty. Our transgressors of the same moral law walk in free air, are lavish in their philanthropies, and are lauded from the pulpits as exemplars for our youth.—N. Y. Evening Post.

The most dangerous of all educational scepticism, the scepticism which doubts whether there is much use in education at all, and wonders why so much fuss is being made about it in parliament, in the public press, and on platforms up and down the country, is still a power among us.—London Times.

Mr. Edison has been at it again. His latest announcement is that he hopes soon to perfect a camera obscura which will permit ordinary telephones which will permit the user to see one another as they converse. * * * But, after all, even solitude has its charms. We do not want always and everywhere to be visible to our fellow-men. We do not want to have airships floating past our bedroom windows when we are sleeping, or putting on our back hair, and we shall be grateful to the inventor and men of science if, as the world advances, they can still contrive to leave us a little privacy.—Onlooker.

SOUTH AFRICAN LABOR.

London-Colonial Goldfields Gazette.

In the Transvaal Legislative Council on Wednesday Sir George Farrar's motion in favor of the importation of Asiatics was carried by twenty-two votes to four. Some such result is a foregone conclusion, and it now remains for the South African authorities, with the co-operation of the leading mining groups, to give practical effect to the resolution. As we have frequently pointed out, the present policy of the Transvaal—one might almost say its very existence—depends upon the mining industry, and the inadequate supply of native labor has plunged the country into an absolute and ever since the close of the war. Moreover, the inability of the mining industry to recover lost ground has had a widespread effect beyond the boundaries of South Africa, for it is generally conceded that an increased output of gold from the Witwatersrand would go far towards solving many outstanding difficulties in the financial world. The importation of Asiatics may not be an ideal expedient for meeting the pressing needs of the Transvaal, but it was the only practical way of dealing with a critical situation. White labor was scarce, and failed owing to the impossibility of persuading white men to act as "chewers of wood and drawers of water" in a colored man's country. The drafting of natives from India and Equatorial districts was discontinued by the British Administration, on the ground that such a course would be merely robbing Peter to pay Paul; and it will be remembered that the Indian government equally resented the transport of Indian coolies.

Under these circumstances the employment of Chinese labor was the only alternative to drifting still further into the abyss of depression, and the resolution passed by such an overwhelming majority in the Legislative Council affords striking proof of the change which has come over public feeling in regard to the subject. When alien labor was first hinted at, the working population of the Gold Reef City resented the proposal with a will; with the exception of a few irresponsible agitators—and these are found in every community—they are heartily in favor of a measure which blitter experience has taught them is the only one that can save them and their country from ruin. As Sir Richard Solomon, Attorney-General for the Transvaal, pointed out, the evidence given before the Native Labor Commission showed conclusively that the supply of native labor was hopelessly inadequate for the requirements of the mines. Such being the case, Asiatics must be imported, if only as a passing expedient. It may be said for granted that the Chinese who are imported to work in the mines will not be allowed to permanently settle in the colony as they have done in parts of Australia and British Columbia. How soon it will be possible to import the first batch of Chinese it is difficult to say; but should the trouble between Russia and Japan not interfere with the recruitment of the Asiatics, the mining industry is reasonable to hope that by the month of March the importation of Chinese to the Rand will have become an accomplished fact.

MEN AND THINGS.

An English journalist in Berlin declares that the German crown prince is his father's favorite son, and that no one who has seen the Kaiser with his boys can doubt that he prefers Elton to his other brothers. The crown prince is kept very much in the background on most occasions.

Squire Thomas Poe of Rushville, Ind., has just celebrated his twenty-third birthday. He is still active and attends to his duties as Justice of the peace with regularity and his decisions are regarded throughout the region as uniformly fair and judicious. He has occupied the office of Justice of the peace in the town for 40 years. He has been an inveterate tobacco chewer for 80 years.

The French minister of war, General Andre, is one of the most abused men in France, because of his recently announced purpose to promote equality in the ranks of the army. To further this object he has recently abolished the custom of "presenting arms" as a mark of respect. He is accused of fostering socialism in the French ranks and of degrading the French soldier by the order of religious and political persecution. He condemned to two years' hard service in the ranks 60 polytechnic students who rebelled against the severity of an examination. Andre is a great favorite with the common soldier. He began life in the army as a Lieutenant in the Imperial guard.

A novel Belgian method of dealing with smoke consists in driving it by fans into a porous receptacle over which flows a stream of petroleum. The smoke is caught and turned to a gas that gives great heat and can be used for running gas engines.

There are 10,000 heat units in a pound of coal, and a cheap and big man's shirt, which, if properly expended, will give a fraction of 236 horsepower. That pound of coal will do as much work—always if properly expended—as 100 men, utilizing forth their mightiest effort, for four minutes.

French engineers are of opinion that it will soon be necessary to remove the Eiffel tower from the Champ de Mars. The concession for the structure will not expire until 1910, but the tower has leaned so far out of plumb that a slight increase in the depression at one side of its foundation will place the centre of gravity outside its base.

Ex-Proctor Clark, of Paisley, Scotland, has been engaged in the cotton sewing thread, which was first used in that town in the weaving of "hoddies" as a substitute for silk, which was stopped by Napoleon in 1808, when he seized Hanks. Mr. Clark's grandfather and his brother then both turned to cotton, which worked so smoothly that Mr. Clark's father, then a youth, took to recommending it to women instead of linen, then mostly used.

LEAP YEAR VENGEANCE.

"At least!" He smiled feebly. "Here, let me get my—" And he paused to lay emphasis on the word. "It's revenge!" How he rolled out the gloat. Continued the speaker, "To think that I—" Contemplation made him rejoice. "Can now—" He glared in his eyes. "Reject her offer as she once did mine by saying that she'd be a sister to me!"

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WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

San Juan Island Station Formally Opened.

The first wireless message ever flashed across the Strait of Juan de Fuca has been received at the local station, and the Pacific Wireless Telegraph company from their newly completed station on San Juan island, says the Port Townsend Call. The opening was entirely devoid of demonstration of any sort, and was, in this respect, very unlike the formal opening of the first system on the Sound, that between this city and Port Casey which took place Oct. 17, last. At that time an elaborate programme was prepared, invitations were scattered broadcast for the occasion and the affair ended with an elaborate banquet at the Vienna hotel in this city, attended by hundreds and a large number of local people.

Work on the San Juan island station was begun within a short time after the opening here. The new station is more powerful than either of the others, having been erected with a view of performing much heavier work. The mast alone required a long time for erection, it being in three sections and something like 230 feet above the ground.

During the time that station has been under construction Gen. A. L. New, the general manager of the company, has spent but little time on the Sound. Business matters having required his attention in other sections and at present he is in Washington City, and it was there that he received the first message from San Juan yesterday. The message was the only one sent and read as follows:

"Gen. A. L. New, Washington, D.C.—Friday harbor is now in communication with the world by means of the Pacific Wireless Telegraph company's system. Three cheers for the wireless."

The first message sent by Operator Yarnell of this office, who has been at San Juan during the last week assisting in tuning the instruments and making ready for the opening. During the absence of J. C. Currin, operator in the local office of the Postal, he handled this end of the wireless and it was he who was at the receiving end yesterday when the first message came.

All that remains at this time for the company to complete their plans, as at first contemplated, is the placing in commission of the station on the revenue cutter Grant. Call readers will remember the statements made by former Chief Operator Sener, who resigned last December. His statements were to the effect that the Grant station was an absolute failure, inasmuch as it attempted to send or receive messages over territory where land intervened. Gen. New, while here on his last visit stated that the Grant was not yet fitted up completely and that he had no fears but that this station would be just as much of a success as the land station, and that the company should be ready to do business on the cutter.

Gen. New is expected to return here in a short time and it is understood that work will then go forward on the Grant.

The opening of the San Juan station will afford great relief to the people of Friday and Roach Harbor and those of Lopez island, generally. Heretofore they have been entirely cut off from the outside world in the way of instantaneous communication. Aside from this, the completion of this station will place Collector of Customs, Ide, in a position to make it really warm for the revenue cutter, whose chief rendezvous is the island mentioned, and those near by.

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We were fortunate in placing large orders for all kinds of Cotton Goods for the season.

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Local News.

From Hunting Trip.—Mr. James Dunsinville and party have returned from Campbell River, where they had been on a hunting expedition. They brought some fine ducks and salmon with them.

Mothers' Club.—The Mothers' Club will hold their usual meeting in Spring Ridge school this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Subject, "How to Develop Self-control in the Child," by Mrs. King and Mrs. Standish. All interested are most cordially invited to attend.

Watch Recovered.—The watch stolen from Miss Welsh by a Chinaman on Saturday night has been recovered by the police. Detective Sergeant Palmer discovered the timepiece in one of the pawnshops. The thief has not been located.

Road to Hospital.—Craigflower road is to be extended through the Indian reserve to the foot-bridge crossing the flats and on to the Marine hospital. This will be done at the entire expense and responsibility of the Dominion government. City Engineer Topp furnishing an estimate of the cost of the work.

Rumor Discredited.—Respecting the rumors which are current to the effect that the Imperial government intends to largely increase the Esquimaux garrison, the Work Point authorities state that they have heard nothing about it. They point out that they have no permanent accommodation for more troops, and that if the British government intended to station them here they would have received some notification.

Removing Old Shacks.—Ald. Fell, who has as yet hardly got his seat warm at the council board, has already succeeded in doing a good piece of work for the city. He has secured the removal of dilapidated shacks from property where their presence is obnoxious. The building inspector has been instructed to remove the nuisance existing in the lots on Yates street, opposite the Dominion hotel, upon which old lumber is piled, and upon all other lots in the city similarly situated.

Lumber Trade Not Affected.—The Pacific Lumber Trade Journal says that the war between Japan and Russia will not affect the lumber trade of the Pacific coast very much. The total shipment of lumber from Washington, British Columbia to the United States, did not exceed 40,000,000 feet in 1903, or just about enough to keep one small mill busy. Indirectly, however, the war will be of benefit, because of the great quantities of lumber and supplies needed will put a great amount of money in the pockets of the farmers and merchants, and in this way enable them to build and make improvements requiring the use of lumber.

Booming British Columbia.—United States Consul McNally, stationed at Leze, Belgium, reports that a representative of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is shipping Belgian coal miners to British Columbia, offering as an inducement employment at wages from 15 to 20 francs (\$2.40 to \$3.50) a day. As the average wage per day in Belgium is about 5 francs (76 cents), these workmen are only too eager to emigrate. The men are obliged to pay their passage, but whether it is advanced to them by the company, or repaid by the miner, is not stated. He is informed that the British consular offices in Belgium are most active in "booming" their American possessions, and that they give free illustrated lectures on the subject.

Late Edward Martin.—Brief mention was made in the Colonist's telegraphic columns yesterday of the death at Hamilton, Ont., of Edward Martin, a senior member of the law firm of Martin & Martin. The deceased was in his seventh year. He had resided in Hamilton almost all his life, coming to this city with his parents from Ireland. He was the grandson of the member of the Imperial House of Commons who introduced what is known as the first act in the interests of the prevention of cruelty to animals, and which led to his being known as "Humanity Martin." His widow survives him. In addition to three members of his family residing in Victoria there are also Mrs. Dunlop, wife of P. B. Dunlop, of the Bank of Montreal; Mrs. Baldwin, of Deer Park, Toronto; two sons in the law firm at Hamilton, and one son who is practicing law at Saint Ste. Marie. The deceased was known in Victoria, having visited his daughter and sons in this city in 1902.

Bostonians Tomorrow.—The Bostonians will appear at the Victoria theatre tomorrow, on which occasion the ever-popular opera of "The Sorcerer" will be presented with one of the strongest casts ever known in the theatre. In the long history of this justly renowned organization, the enterprise will henceforth be known as the Bostonians, Inc. Messrs. Henry Clay Baraband and William H. MacDonald are still the artistic heads of the company, but they have happily been relieved of the irritating and mercenary cares of management, and will now give all their time to the artistic side of the work. Mr. London G. Coghlan is managing director and Mr. Charles R. Bacon continues as the efficient business manager. Mr. Coghlan's name is a guarantee of musical excellence, solid and permanent, high purpose in the undertaking of which he is the managerial head, and the best achievement possible within the domain of light opera.

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New View Book, "From the Rockies to the Capital," price 75 cents, at Hibben & Co's.

Bank Clearings.—The total bank clearings for the week ending February 12, as reported by the Victoria clearing house were \$599,574.

Salvation Concert.—A concert for which an interesting programme has been prepared will be given under the auspices of the Salvation Army at their hall tomorrow evening. A hearty welcome will be extended to all who attend.

Flooring New Bridge.—The work of laying the flooring at the new Point Ellice bridge will shortly be taken in hand by corporation workmen. The same kind of blocks employed in the paving of the streets will be used, and most of these have been made and tarred at the city yard on Yates street. About eighty thousand will be required.

Theft at Chemainus.—On receipt of a telegram from Chemainus, Constable Campbell on Monday night arrested a man named Moses Jaldons in the Excelsior saloon. Jaldons is accused of having stolen a watch from a shack where some of his acquaintances were living. The prisoner will be taken back to Chemainus this morning by Constable Halliday.

To Speak Here.—On Saturday next J. R. Thompson, one of the international secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. of America, will arrive from Vancouver. He will stay over Sunday and deliver addresses at one of the local churches and in the assembly rooms of the local Y. M. C. A. It is understood that he will meet the local directors and give a talk on the best means to make the association a success.

Mrs. Hallitt's Funeral.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Hallitt took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, Market street. A large number attended and beautiful floral emblems were presented. Rev. Mr. Westman conducted the services. Appropriate hymns were sung at the funeral. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Capt. Henderson, Edward Cooley, H. R. Sellick and C. R. King.

Chinese Murder Case.—This morning the case of Wong Goo and Wong On, charged with murdering Man Quam, will be continued. It was out of the question to expect the Asiatic witnesses to put in an appearance on Monday, as an adjournment to Thursday was decided on last Saturday. The two Chinamen who have been held by the United States authorities were not members of the gang which assassinated Man Quam.

Theatre Robbed.—Last night about the hour of ten, the Edison Theatre was robbed in full view of the audience. The burglars were caught, but were too busy as it was Neff & Miller, who burglarized the safe of laughter, which rang out all over the building. P. S. Explosives used for safe-cracking humiliated wit and originality. During the performance Monday evening, the theatre was again robbed. The burglars, while sitting in the box office, were frightened at the smell of smoke and cracking of wood. He ran to the stage expecting to find fire, but it proved to be Neff & Miller doing their hot act.

Another Summer Resort.—A further addition is promised to the good list of summer resorts for tourists in the district adjoining Victoria. Mr. Jacques, of Paris, and F. Goldie, who have recently purchased the Mount Newton estate and hotel on Saanich Arm, have gone out to take possession of the property. They will be the extensive changes made, the new pavilions, it is said, intending to make the place a popular summer resort. Cottages will be erected and everything done to make Mount Newton one of the most attractive of the suburbs of Victoria.

Provincial Finances.—The Toronto News has the following concerning the financial problem in British Columbia: "William H. Cross, of the firm of Clarkson & Cross, confirmed the report from Victoria, B. C., that he had been asked by the British Columbia government to examine into the finances of the province. He stated, however, that full particulars could not be announced until the measure was ratified by the provincial legislature. The proposal of the government was to appoint a royal commission similar to the one that had been appointed in Ontario some years ago. Certain legislation had been passed recently in British Columbia with regard to which investigation was demanded."

The Hotel Site.—Boring operations are still in progress at the site of the big tourist hotel to be erected on the James Bay flats by the C. P. R., and it is anticipated that filling in operations will shortly be resumed by the city. Good progress is being made in the construction of the landing wharf, the centre of the building wall. About five feet more will bring it to high water, making in all a height from the mud of seventeen feet. The landing will be one hundred and sixty feet long and of satisfactory width. A walk will ascend from it to a balcony to the east of the building wall. This will be forty-five by seventeen feet, and may be utilized as a band stand. It is certainly an imposing embellishment to the wall.

The Coal Market.—Harrison's latest report on the coal market in San Francisco has the following: "The quantity of coal of all kinds in the yard is very light, it consists principally of coal suitable for house use; the coal required for steam purposes is being freely delivered from the British Columbia coast, at prices which which the New castle collieries cannot compete, as the freight on coal from Newcastle to San Francisco is fully double what is asked for the same service from British Columbia. If the coal market in Victoria is so tight, it is certain that the coal trade here locally, they will be forced to reduce their figures materially below the present asking prices. The war between Russia and Japan, now coming on, will not in any way affect the coal trade on this side, so long as no other nations become involved."

Will Be Buried Here.—Pallbearers are at hand of the drawing accident at New Westminster on Monday, as briefly chronicled in the Colonist yesterday morning. Robert Boncher Fairfull, brother of Andrew Fairfull, of this city, was killed when he was on the dredge King Edward, and in some manner fell overboard. Mr. Fairfull was the youngest son of James Fairfull, of Teon, Yorkshire, and was thirty-three years of age. He came to this province twelve years ago, his trade being that of a boiler-maker. He had been on the dredge only six months. He leaves a father, two brothers and five sisters. A local widow and three children are residents in this city. Another sister lives in South Africa. Another sister lives in Scotland. The remains will be brought down for interment this evening.

Alaskan Boundary.—It is announced from Ottawa that W. P. King, chief astronomer of Canada, representing the Dominion government, and Mr. Lottman, representing the United States, have been appointed to delineate the Alaska boundary line, for which provision was made at the tribunal which sat in London last summer. A meeting will be held immediately, most probably at Washington, by Messrs. King and Lottman to make all necessary arrangements for the prosecution of the work. In this connection a Washington dispatch says that the department of the boundary may be deferred until next year, and continues: "If the proposition for the appointment of geographers and surveyors to mark the line is not agreed to by the Dominion government, however, the United States would respond promptly. In that event operations might be begun some time during the coming summer. All of the actual work will have to be done in the summer season, as the mountain region to be traversed is buried in ice and snow during the winter months."

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HALL, GOEPEL & CO., GENERAL AGENTS

Today is the Day.—Just before writing in this the West-side house determined to move out by sale at almost any old price a large volume of various kinds of dry goods, thus affording an opportunity to purchasers to save much money.

Is in Vancouver.—A gentleman called at the Colonist office yesterday and stated that Mr. R. B. Ruston, for whom a militia enquiry was instituted, as reported in yesterday's issue of this paper, is in Vancouver, employed at the city water works.

A Small Blaze.—Chief Watson of the fire department was summoned by phone yesterday morning to the Union Club where a tiny blaze had been discovered under the floor in the basement. Under his direction it was speedily extinguished. The damage will not exceed \$20.

A Sunday Feature.—A feature of next Sunday's Colonist will be the reprint of "D. W. H. H.'s" fascinating reminiscences, entitled "Fowls' Annot," a touching tale of life in British Columbia in the early days. It will be found to be quite up to the high standard of the celebrated provincial raconteur has set himself. The edition will also contain numerous special articles on timely subjects. "The Solidarity of the House of Commons," a copyrighted article by "Toby, M. P." of Punch.

Y. M. I. Social.—The social and dance on Monday evening at the Y. M. I. hall, now being under the supervision of a committee composed of members of the Y. M. I., and ladies of the Solidarity, was a most enjoyable event. There was a large attendance. Dancing and playing was indulged in till the small hours of the morning. The committee in charge was: Mr. J. T. Fahay, Mr. T. L. Toye, H. D. Leary, J. Anderson, H. G. Fowler, Mr. J. B. Baines, also Miss Stewart, assisted by the ladies of the Solidarity. Praise is due them for the manner in which the whole affair was conducted, also to Mr. Bantley and Mr. P. Schell, who rendered a most elaborate programme of music.

New Theatrical Circuit.—Mr. J. P. Howe has returned to Seattle with the details of the news of the formation of the Pacific Coast Independent Theatre Managers' Association, which, he says, represents a co-operative organization of managers of the leading and among the handsomest theatres on the coast for the purpose of breaking their artificial monopoly of the theatre, and establishing a circuit for the use of the large combinations which do not secure their engagements through the agency of the booking syndicate in New York. The new organization is one, according to Mr. Howe, of particular strength, and represents a fortune invested in playhouses from the southern to the northern theatrical termini of the Pacific coast.

Pollard Opera Company.—Manager Joseph Muller, of Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Company arrived in the city last night to arrange for the return appearance at the Victoria theatre all next week, commencing Monday night, of his clever organization. The Pollard company is made up of forty tiny artists, all under fifteen, and many under ten, nearly all of them coming from the far west of America. They are carefully trained for months and years, and as all who saw the clever little aggregation on their last visit to Victoria can testify they present light operas in a manner that is seldom excelled by adult companies. All of the Pollard productions are magnificently staged and costumed. "The Belle of New York" will be the opening opera.

Victorian in Tacoma.—The Tacoma Ledger reports the purchase by Mr. C. E. Jones, formerly of this city, of the business of the Stewart & Holmes Drug Company, of Tacoma. Says the Ledger: "The new proprietor is an old hand, having resided in the city during the early days of 1888 and 1889. Thence he went to Victoria, B. C., where he was in business for a number of years, conducting a large drug establishment. In 1899 he went to Alaska, where he was compelled to sell out and leave Alaska. He then returned to California, where he has been in business since. He is now in Tacoma, and is a prominent member of the North Pacific Coast Drug and Chemical Company. The death of A. M. Stewart making a change necessary in the Stewart & Holmes Drug Company, Mr. Jones decided to start in business in this city."

Gets Collectorship.—The Colonist learns on what may be taken as excellent authority that it is practically sure that Mr. C. E. Jones, of Tacoma, B. C., will be the collector of customs at this port. The lucky gentleman is Joshua Kingham, local agent of the Western Fuel Company of Nanaimo, and a prominent member of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Kingham has been finally determined upon by the federal government and that gentleman has signified his willingness to accept the position, for private reasons the appointment will not be gazetted for some months. Those who have been in possession of this bit of information for some time past are of the opinion that the appointment will be a popular one, not only amongst the business community, but amongst the staff at the custom house.

Prizes Offered.—Jay & Co., seedsmen, etc., 13 Broad street, have on exhibition in their window a number of handsome and unique prizes which they are offering to competitors of garden and field products from their seeds. The first prizes consist of two large heavy-plated urns of fashionable design and valuable, a handsome lemonade set, a fancy plate, gold lined cup and a large elegant glass with a beautiful array of garden and field products, and a large single jardiniere as second prize. There are seven prizes in all and are well worth competing for. The firm deserves credit for their efforts in the production of a higher grade of garden and field products, and keep in touch with the foremost seedsmen of the Eastern provinces and England with this end in view. Those interested in either agriculture or horticulture would do well to peruse their catalogue and if they have not got a catalogue send for one.

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Davies Bros. call attention to their auction sale of unreserved groceries and furniture, which takes place at 105 Fort street at 2 p. m. this day. See advertisement on page eight.

Something Doing.—There has assuredly been "Something Doing" recently at W. G. Cameron's Cheap Cash Store, at 35 Johnson street, in the way of "clearing things down," down, down to the very lowest notch in prices. Note a few of the prices as given in his adv. elsewhere in this paper. For example, \$17 Suits for \$10, and yet some people are thoughtless enough to go about poorly clad.

Postcard Albums at Hibben & Co.'s.

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Local News.

A New Wrinkle, (No. 3.)

Cream of Celery Soup

One cup of stock made from Armour's Extract of Beef.
2 cups of celery cut in inch pieces 3 tablespoonsfuls flour
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1 salt and pepper
1 tablespoonful butter

Parboil celery in water ten minutes; drain; add stock; cook until celery is soft and tender; season with salt and pepper; add milk; remove onion; add milk to stock; bind with butter and flour; season with salt and pepper.

Above is taken from edition de luxe "Culinary Wrinkles" (just out) which will be sent postpaid to any address on receipt of a metal cap from jar of Armour's Extract of Beef.

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MARINE NEWS

SAIL AS USUAL.

Russian-Japanese War Will Make No Difference to Shipping.

Frank Waterhouse, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, under whose management the ships of the Boston Steamship Company are operated between Seattle and the Orient, says there is absolutely no truth in the story printed in an afternoon paper to the effect that the company would send no more ships to the Orient until assurance was given that the merchant ships of neutral powers would not be molested. Said he:

The ships of the Boston Steamship Company will sail on the regularly scheduled dates. No authority was ever given by me for any statement to the contrary. We have heard nothing further about the blockade, but as the state department at Washington now has the matter in hand, there is no cause for us to worry.

JEANIE'S MASTER QUILTS.

Retires After Long and Honorable Career at Sea.

Capt. P. H. Mason has given up the command of the Alaska steamer Jeanie, owned by the Alaska Pacific Navigation Company, after an almost continuous service of seventeen years as master of the vessel. His successor is Capt. J. C. Dowling, formerly commander of the United States army transport Seward.

For twelve years Capt. Mason was continuously master of the Jeanie, and during that period he drew down \$28,000 salary, more than half of which, he remarked yesterday with something of an air of satisfaction, he saved. For the five years preceding 1887, when the Jeanie was purchased on the Atlantic by the Pacific Steam Whaling Company, he was master of the vessel most of the time.

Three times Capt. Mason and the Jeanie led the fleet to Nome following the opening of Behring Sea navigation. Once he was picked up by the ice and carried on into the Arctic, where the vessel was ice-blocked until July. He then sailed for the coast on the Atlantic by the Pacific Steam Whaling Company, he was master of the vessel most of the time.

Capt. Mason expects to leave in a short time for Paso Robles Springs.

ST MIRREN RATE ADVANCES.

The rate of reinsurance on the British ship St. Mirren, is steadily advancing. The overdue vessel is now quoted at 30 per cent and every day she remains out of port she loses the prospect of her early return. She left Newcastle, Australia, 116 days ago. Her cargo is coal and of a kind peculiarly liable to spontaneous combustion. The cause of the destruction by fire of the Fannie Kerr and the Frankston, and underwriters are beginning to fear that a similar fate may have overtaken the St. Mirren. The market rate for the vessel is 10 per cent and the Robert Rickmers at 15.

RECORD TRIP TO AUSTRALIA.

The German ship Optimo arrived at Newcastle, Australia, on January 10th, having made the passage from San Francisco in thirteen days, the shortest time on record for a sailing vessel.

BRIG GALILEE BREAKS RECORD.

The brig Galilee, which left San Francisco on December 27th, arrived at Sydney, Australia, on January 11th, having made the passage from San Francisco in thirteen days, the shortest time on record for a sailing vessel.

ROUGH WEATHER NORTH.

Terrific Times on the Yukon Trail and in Lynn Canal.

It is so cold on the Yukon trail that the snow has frozen to the ground and a night or a day at a time. Reports to this effect were received from interior passengers of the steamer Dolphin, which arrived yesterday morning, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. It has seldom been colder in the Yukon district, they say. The severe weather is general throughout South-east Alaska. The Dolphin's officers say, in Lynn Canal, February 8th, the Dolphin

Kidney Disease Results from Colds

Exposure of the Back to Drafts Not an Infrequent Cause of This Dreadful Painful Ailment, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The kidneys are very susceptible to cold, so much so that a current of cold air on the back is sufficient to cause congestion of these organs.

It is also a very common thing for heavy colds to lead to the kidneys and give rise to the most complicated diseases.

While teamsters, railroad men and others whose work subjects them to more than ordinary exposure are especially liable to be overtaken by kidney disease, it is also frequent among indoor workers.

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are so wonderfully prompt in their action on the kidneys that they are especially valuable in cases of kidney disease which arise from colds.

Backache, highly-colored urine, pain or smarting when passing water, headache, cramps in the legs, constipation alternating with looseness of the bowels, sickle appetite, vomiting and general feelings of discomfort are among the most common symptoms.

The record of cures effected by means of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills has been equalled in the history of medicine. In the majority of the homes of Canada these pills are always at hand as an indispensable family medicine.

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto. To protect you against imitations, the portrait and signature of Dr. W. Chase, the famous receipt book author, are on every box.

Regimental Parade.—Members of the Fifth Regiment are requested to meet today at the regimental parade for the Paardeberg entertainment is called for 7:30 p. m. on Thursday.

Enjoyable Concert.—Last evening the parishioners of St. John's church enjoyed the watermelon concert given by members of the congregation. There was a very good attendance.

Meet This Evening.—The Dairywomen's Association will hold an important meeting this evening at the city hall at 8 o'clock. A full attendance of members is requested.

Married Yesterday.—A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Centennial Methodist parsonage last evening, when J. P. Westman united in the holy bonds of matrimony Joseph Francis Palmer, of Boston, Mass., and Miss Louise Dittmer, of Illinois.

Cathedral Services.—Following is the order of service at the Cathedral Cathedral today: 8 a. m., holy communion; 11 a. m., morning prayer, litany and communion service; 5 p. m., evensong; 8 p. m., evensong and sermon by the Bishop.

"Joan of Arc."—The regular practice was held last evening at the Centennial Methodist church, at which the soloists, Mrs. W. E. Green and Messrs. Ives and Gideon Hicks were present. The Paardeberg entertainment is called for 7:30 p. m. on Thursday.

Orchestral Society.—A full attendance is requested for the next rehearsal, tomorrow evening, of the Victoria Orchestral Society. New work will be started on. It is requested that members who have not so far paid their subscriptions will do so at or before the practice.

Lifeboat Association.—The regular weekly committee meeting of the Lifeboat Association was held yesterday afternoon. There was a good attendance of members and matters relating to the proposed "Creation" concert were fully discussed. It was decided that the committee should defer calling a public meeting until after important information required by the committee to form a report had been received from England. The committee will meet again next Tuesday.

"The Elijah."—In connection with the regular practice of the "Elijah," which is a good turnout is most earnestly desired, a practice of "The Creation" will be held preparatory for the repetition of the latter oratorio on the 8th of March. In response to the request sent out by the Lifeboat committee a most hearty response from every one of the late "Creation" chorus has been received and the concert on that date is assured.

Special Display.—For the next few days Campbell's Ladies' Outfitting Emporium, Fort street, is making a most notable display of New Spring Styles and Latest Fashions in Dressing. They have also on exhibition an advance shipment of Nobby Cloth Suits, Walking and Rainy day Skirts. These goods are the very newest and are but the forerunners of what may be looked for. All the new season's styles from the fashion centers of the world.

Outlook for Adlin.—Mr. J. H. Richardson, a well-known member of Adlin, came down from the North on the steamer Amir, He states that hydraulic operations during the coming season will be carried on in a greatly extended manner. Many of the companies were already making preparations for increasing their wants and equipment. Another large dredge is to be built, and many miles of flume constructed. Mr. Richardson has great faith in the future of the district.

Scottish Concert.—Last evening at St. James' hall, James' Bay, the Scottish concert in aid of the Presbyterian Sunday school was held. The program was very successful. The piping and dancing of the McKenzie family was a feature and was keenly enjoyed. The following ladies and gentlemen assisted: Miss Grace Kier, Miss L. McKenzie, Miss Lawson and Messrs. Kinnaird, Allan, Waddell, Stewart, A. L. Brownlie, Thompson and Gordon. Mrs. Hanly was the accompanist and gave every satisfaction.

To Fill the Flats.—An adjourned meeting of the council was held last evening in the committee room, when the proposed agreement with the B. C. Electric Railway Company was discussed. The terms of the agreement are that the tramway company shall have 6,000 cubic yards of gravel from the lots in Spring Ridge which the city has purchased, to the James' Bay flats at 20 cents per cubic yard, and maintain a double shift of men from 6 a. m. to 12 p. m. No Japanese or Chinese to be employed. The meeting adjourned until this afternoon at 4:30 p. m.

Bible Sunday.—The arrangements for the observance of Bible Sunday on March 6th, the last day of the British and Foreign Bible Society's century, are now practically complete, and in a building is the universality of the Bible Society more emphasized than in the remarkable way it has been able to enlist the sympathies of all Protestant churches and denominations in this world-wide thanksgiving. All the great missionary societies, without exception, have joined hands to observe Bible Sunday, many of them having generously contributed to the B. B. S. many of them having given in aid of the B. B. S. many of them having given in aid of the B. B. S. many of them having given in aid of the B. B. S.

Enjoyable "At Home."—Staff and Pupils of British Columbia Ladies' College Entertain.

On Monday evening the staff and pupils of the British Columbia Ladies' College held their first "At Home" in the college building on Oak Bay avenue, when the spacious house was thrown open to receive a large number of the parents and friends of the pupils of the college. Rev. Mr. McCoy, the principal, assisted by Mrs. McCoy and Miss McCoy, received the guests who, after a short time, assembled in the music room to listen to a recital given by the teachers and pupils.

Miss McCoy sang "The Song of the Lark," which well suited the fresh, rich spring, and afterwards by special request she gave Nelly's pathetic "Life's Lesson" in a very touching manner.

Mrs. Garrison Smith played two selections with great taste.

Mr. Longfield and Miss Nora McCoy, with their violin selections, and Miss Underhill with an effective reading, added to the list of enjoyable numbers, and 125 guests, particularly Miss Grace Oliver and Miss Eva Henderson, acquitted themselves with great credit.

The programme was concluded by a "Revel of the Nixes," a succession of graceful poses carried out by maidens dressed in Grecian robes and bearing ivy-wreathed hoops.

During an interval in the programme Mr. McCoy briefly addressed the listeners, expressing his pleasure in welcoming them to the first recital of the British Columbia Ladies' College, and dwelling on the fact that this institution was one which was prepared to fill a long-felt want. Parents desirous of leaving their daughters in safe and comfortable surroundings where their minds would be well-trained and their moral and physical well-being thoroughly looked after by well-qualified instructors, were recommended to carefully consider the advantages of this new college, where a healthy home life is blended with the most skillful training, which should not only excel in the more showy accomplishments, but to lay a lasting foundation for future work. A glance at the curriculum would show the ground covered and give other information regarding the college.

Mr. McCoy also stated that he had received most encouraging letters from friends in all parts of British Columbia, and was looking forward to the successful future for the only resident Ladies' College in Victoria.

Some time was spent in looking over the college building and seeing the arrangements made for the comfort of the pupils and after supper the guests departed wishing all success and a prosperous future to Mr. McCoy and the college.

Commodity Tariff.—The tariff on commodities settled upon by all the transcontinental railroads a month and a half ago, went into effect yesterday. It increases transportation rates on all commodities about 17 to 12 per cent, and was the result of the protest at the time the railroads announced it.

Preparing Pamphlet.—Secretary Elworthy, of the Board of Trade, has in contemplation the preparation of a bulletin containing useful information respecting the advantages which Victoria and Vancouver Island have to offer to those who wish to embark in fruit culture and poultry raising. The pamphlet will be circulated under the direction of the Tourist Association.

To Study Mining.—Mr. A. J. Beaupre, Yukon government engineer, is en route to San Francisco, where he will make a study of the latest methods of hydraulic mining. This work will be carried out on behalf of the territorial government of the Yukon, and all information which he acquires will be utilized upon his return to Dawson for the benefit of the mining community. Incidentally, while in the States, he is gathering data concerning hydraulics, as practiced in California, he will not overlook the stamp-milling field. The best practice of modern installation and operation of the mill, the method of crushing of free-milling ore and the recovery of gold values by amalgamation and concentration will be studied by Mr. Beaupre.

Warning to Cyclists.—The wisdom of the local authorities in attempting to strictly enforce the provisions of the by-law which prohibits riding on the sidewalks, was eloquently demonstrated recently when it was only by the narrowest margin that a serious accident was averted. A lady, resident at a place where the front gate entrance is partially hidden by thick rose bushes, was just emerging on to the sidewalk with a perambulator in which was seated an infant child. A sudden rumble warned her of the approach of a cyclist and with quick presence of mind she snatched up her child simultaneously with the smashing of the little vehicle into fragments. Had she not acted so promptly a fatality might have had to be recorded.

Aiding Sound Cannermen.—The salmon cannermen of the Sound have received further encouragement from the federal government of the United States in the shape of a drawback on the duty paid on tin imported for making the cans. The text of the ruling provides that on the exportation of one-half pound flat salmon cans manufactured by the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company, of Seattle, from imported tin plate measuring 14 x 20 inches and weighing 100 pounds to the box or 112 plates, a drawback will be allowed equal to the duty paid on the imported material so used, less the legal deduction of 1 per cent. In liquidation, the quantity of imported tin plate which may be taken as the basis for the allowance of drawback shall be 173.96 boxes of tin plate of 100 pounds to the box of 112 plates for each 1,000 cases of one-half pound flat salmon cans of 16 cans to the case.

I. O. F. Concert.—The annual concert given by Court Cariboo, No. 743, I. O. F., took place last night at the A. O. U. W. hall before a large and appreciative audience. Mr. A. E. McDermott took the chair, and, in the absence of the secretary, Mr. M. J. Chevan called upon Mr. C. H. King, who gave a very interesting address on the work of the lodge during the past year, explaining that the success and responsibility of the order rested on every member's shoulders. Mr. King said that the lodge should be proud of their record as they had now a membership of \$7,000,000. A delightful programme was then rendered, almost all of the participating societies having taken part, and every item on the programme was so enjoyable it would be hard to discriminate. Many of the companies were already making preparations for increasing their wants and equipment. Another large dredge is to be built, and many miles of flume constructed. Mr. Richardson has great faith in the future of the district.

Fernwood Dance.—The annual dance under the auspices of the Fernwood Athletic Association was held last night at the E. Y. M. C. hall, and the energetic committee in charge deserve great credit for the perfect way in which everything was carried out. The hall was artistically decorated with flags and bunting, and presented a very pretty appearance. Extensive preparations were made for the supper, which was most elaborate, and the music rendered by the Sch-Bantley orchestra was excellent. Those who did not care to dance, so that all present were able to thoroughly enjoy what proved to be the most successful social the club has yet given. The club wishes to extend their hearty thanks to all those who so kindly assisted in making the social such a grand success. Over fifty couples were present, the following committee directed affairs: Messrs. Rennie, Dalby, Marchant, McArthur, Jamieson, Morrison, Reden and McMillan.

Stock-breeders' Convention.—Great interest is being manifested by the farmers and stock-breeders of Vancouver Island in the first annual meeting of the Western Association of Canadian Stock-breeders, to be held in the City hall, Ottawa, March 14th to 17th, inclusive. The majority of the subjects to be discussed are of the greatest practical interest, and attention in every province and territory in Confederation, while others have been of special interest in only two or three of the provinces. In some cases the Provincial Livestock Associations, which are now active bodies in each political division of Canada, have devoted much time and effort to investigating and discussing the questions at issue, and in many instances have been sent to the provincial and Dominion governments praying that legislation be enacted regarding one or other of these questions. The difficulty of securing the attendance of the stock-breeders from the different provinces differed or clashed.

WAGES TOO HIGH.

Stevedoring Firm Bankrupt Because Union Scale Was Oppressive.

Home & Grant, Puget Sound stevedores, have retired from the field, and in a circular letter to shipowners and others give the reason for their retirement as follows:

"The business of lumber stevedores on Puget Sound, believing that we had from our experience of several years past a fair idea of the cost of loading, and we made a list of rates of \$1.05 per thousand feet. Owing to the general amalgamation of labor unions, and their unreasonable demands, the cost of labor has advanced recently, and now the cost of loading is \$1.25 per thousand feet. Formerly when wages were of a uniform rate of 35 cents per hour, it was very much increased. The unions now, and they are all-powerful, exact a rate of 40 and 50 cents an hour for straight work, and 50 and 75 cents per hour for overtime, and 50 cents per hour for any work performed on account of ship; consequently vessels that formerly cost the stevedores from 30 cents per thousand feet, now cost from 40 to 50 cents per thousand feet. 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